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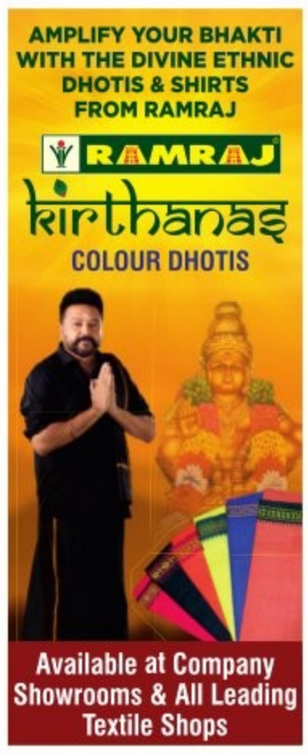
Link PAN with Aadhaar by Mar 31 or it will be defunct

Permanent account numbers (PAN) that are not linked with Aadhaar by March-end next year will become inoperative, the Income Tax Department said on Saturday, and advised people to link them immediately. Also, the Unique Identification Authority of India has urged Aadhaar holders, who were issued the unique identity 10 years back, to update their documents in its database.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Rahul raps BJP, says it is stoking hatred

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

AFTER travelling 2,800 km on foot, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra with thousands of partymen, entered the national capital on Saturday and berated the ruling dispensation from outside the iconic Red Fort.

"This government just wants to divert attention from real issues. They will keep on doing Hindu-Muslim and spread communal hatred and fear," Gandhi alleged while addressing a huge rally.

Braving cold weather conditions, Gandhi donned a white T-shirt throughout his 45 km foot march that began as early as 6 am from the southeast end of Delhi till the Red Fort.

Thousands of party workers, including senior leaders, have been walking with him for the past 108 days.

On Saturday, former party president Sonia Gandhi, her daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, son-in-law Robert Vadra and their children joined Gandhi in the march.

Congress workers could be seen dancing and singing to the tunes of patriotic songs and at various places en route to the Red Fort, people showered flower petals on the Yatris.

Gandhi also came down heavily on a certain section of the media for spreading communal hatred. "Media is our friend but they never show us on TV.... For 24X7 they do Hindu-Muslim, Hindu-Muslim, and Hindu-Muslim... I walked 2,800 km and I didn't see hatred anywhere. But whenever I switch on the TV, I see violence and hatred because they (BJP) want to divert attention," he alleged.

NEW CHEMISTRY: Makkal Needhi Maiam chief and veteran actor Kamal Haasan participating in Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, in New Delhi on Saturday | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On his way to the Red Fort, the Congress leader was joined by actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan, who walked along with him from the centrally located ITO till the end of the foot march. Sharing the podium with Rahul outside the Red Fort, Haasan said he stands today here as an Indian.

"I am here as an Indian. My father was a Congressman. I had various ideologies and started my own political party but when it comes to the country, all political party lines have to blur. I blurred that line and came here," said the 68-year-old veteran actor.

The Yatra has so far touched 46 districts in nine states.

MAN STABBED TO DEATH IN SURATHKAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

TENSION prevailed in Surathkal near Mangaluru after a person was stabbed to death by miscreants on Saturday evening.

According to sources, the incident took place at Krishnapura 4th block, when the victim, Jaleel, was standing near a shop. The victim, who was rushed to a nearby hospital, died.

Meanwhile, Mangaluru City Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar confirmed the incident. He said investigation is under progress and said the reason for the stabbing is yet to be ascertained.

Section 144 has been imposed in Surathkal.

Abandoned tea workers show pluck

NEJMA SULAIMAN @ Idukki

THE only reason for 76-year-old Ganeshan and his wife Annabhagyam to continue living in their rundown, single-room house at the tea workers' quarters, on Division 2 of the 2,700-acre Peermade Tea Company (PTC) plantation, is the hope that its owner will one day reopen the estate and pay their PF and gratuity dues, amounting to over ₹4 lakh.

When it rains heavily, the couple is forced to abandon their ramshackle residence and seek shelter elsewhere. They return when the skies clear up to pick up the pieces — patch up the roofs and cover them with tarpaulin sheets. For the past 22 years, this has been the routine for them as well as the 500-odd tea-worker families settled in Division 4 of the estate, near Elappara in Kerala's Idukki district.

The tea factory of Peermade Tea Company, which was closed in 2002

PTC ended operations in 2000. But its over 1,300 employees continued working on the estate, earning a living from the sale of tea leaves they themselves pluck. The allotment — restricted to 1,200 bushes per worker — is decided by the unions, which more or less run the show.

The fortunes of the company, owned by Thiruvananthapuram-resident Rama Krishna Sarma, started to decline when it failed to fetch good prices in auctions. Production costs escalated and revenue decreased. Global recession and poor management worsened the crisis. As the company faced losses, it denied salaries and benefits to labourers, which prompted protests. The owner finally abandoned the firm on December 13, 2000.

As employees can now work only the bushes allotted to them, plucking is carried out 15 days a month as it takes 20 days for the tender leaves to grow on shrubs. CONTINUED ON: P7

EXPRESS READ

Court orders survey of Mathura mosque

Lucknow: A local court in Mathura, hearing the Sri Krishna Janmasthan-Shahi Idgah dispute case, has ordered a survey of the disputed site on the lines of the Gyanvapi mosque survey. Judge Sonika Verma said the survey report should be submitted to the court by January 20. P8

CM Bommai says he'll present budget in Feb

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday announced that he will present the state budget for the fiscal year 2023-24 in February 2023. He told reporters in Shiggaon that he has already held two rounds of talks with Finance Department officials in this regard. P4

The New Indian Express wishes its readers

'Start early'

TRAFFIC TOP COP'S ADVICE TO B'LUREANS

Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MA Saleem has an advice to motorists: Start 10 minutes early. He shares his plans and vision with TNSE

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KEEPING TIME

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40% cut charge: Contractors' body prez held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA State Contractors' Association (KSCA) president D Kempanna, along with three others, was arrested by the Vyalikaval police on Saturday in a defamation suit.

Horticulture Minister N Munirathna had filed a defamation case against Kempanna and 18 other members of the contractors' association for accusing him of collecting 40 per cent commission from contractors for awarding tenders.

Munirathna, who is also Kolar district incharge minister, had sent a notice to the association on September 1, seeking a compensation of ₹50 crore for defaming him.

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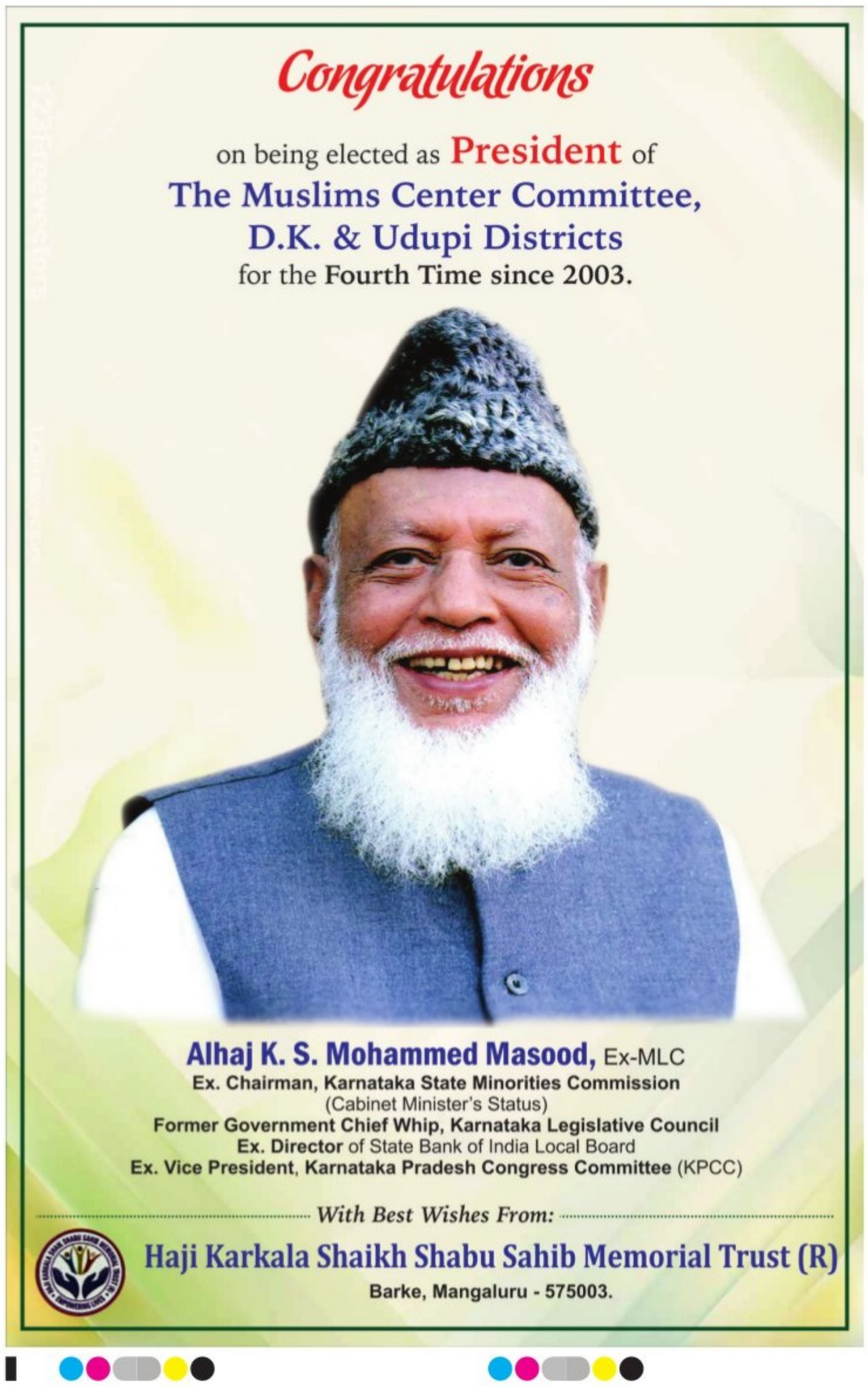
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- **Ritu:** Himantha • **Masa:** Pausha • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Dwitheeya 11.40 am
- **Nakshatra:** Uttharashada 11.32 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
- **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER

MIN 16°C | MAX 26°C

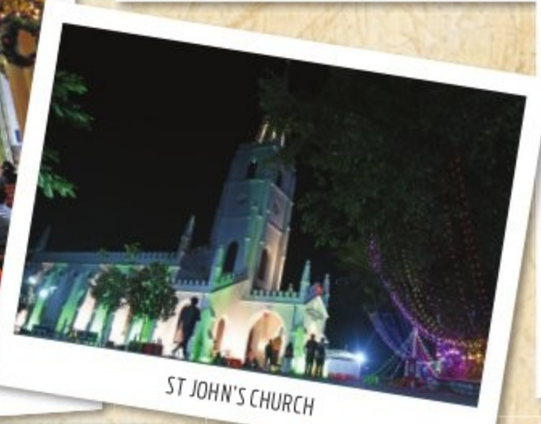
FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise	6.38 am
Sunset	6.00 pm
Moonrise	8.33 am
Moonset	8.12 pm

Fr MARTIN KUMAR PLACES THE CRIB AT St MARY'S BASILICA

THE MASS AT St MARY'S BASILICA

A SANTA SPREADS COVID AWARENESS



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MILAGRES CHURCH IN MANGALURU AND ST PHILOMENA'S CHURCH (BELOW) IN MYSURU ALL DECKED UP

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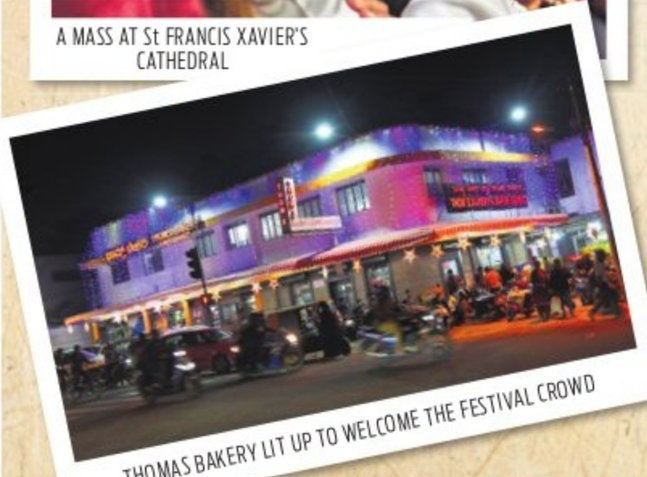
A MASS AT St FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL



THOMAS BAKERY LIT UP TO WELCOME THE FESTIVAL CROWD

CHRISTMAS DIARY

After two years of low-key celebrations due to the pandemic, the chiming of church bells rang in a grand Christmas this year. The New Sunday Express takes a look:

Prayer for hope & cheer

Bengaluru: Calling on all citizens to maintain peace, Archbishop of Bengaluru Dr Peter Machado sent a Christmas Eve message of hope to all that the coming year will bring peace and contentment. He said this year, there was more freedom compared to previous years. "This Christmas, we all will pray that this continues. Christmas is a feast of joy. Christmas is containment of love, and all communities can and should live in peace and harmony." He said Christmas dispels the fear of darkness and uncertainty that threatens to cripple humans from God-designed normal life. People will blessed with a strong and united society built on the foundations of brotherhood and love, he said.

> *We are created for love, not for hatred. Those who promote hatred are destroying themselves and they do not have God in them and therefore have no hope either*
>
> — Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangaluru Diocese

> *Today, the most important thing that is needed is peace and contentment. God has given us everything. But if there is no peace and happiness in life, then we have nothing*
>
> — Rev K A William, Bishop of Mysuru Diocese

CHARGING AHEAD

E-VEHICLES SEE AN ALL-TIME-HIGH REGISTRATION IN K'TAKA

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

ELECTRIC vehicle registrations have witnessed an all time high this year. While 2021-22 saw 44,217 e-vehicles getting registered, data accessed from the state transport department show that 49,577 vehicles were registered in 2022-23 till October. Transport department officials said the total two-, three- and four-wheeler registrations will cross the 50,000 mark in 2022 if the data is updated for November and December.

In 2017-18, the state witnessed 1,922 vehicle registrations, which jumped by 65 per cent and stood at 5,542 in 2018-19. Transport officials said vehicle registrations took a severe beating in 2020 due to the Covid lockdown. In 2019-20, there was only an 18 per cent jump with 6,774 vehicles getting registered. In 2020-21, the registration witnessed a 41 per cent jump with 11,593 vehicles.

Transport officials said owing to the Covid pandemic, there was a shortage of semiconductor chips which affected the electric vehicle production, supply and registration. However, things have improved a lot in 2021-22, with 44,217 vehicles getting registered witnessing a 73 per cent jump compared to 2020-21. There are 44,979 two-wheelers, 2,537 four-wheelers and 2,061 three-wheelers in the state. "In the coming years, similar to two-wheelers, we are expecting more electric four-wheelers to get registered," a transport official said.

J Gnanendra Kumar, Additional Commissioner for Transport (environment and e-governance) attributed the jump in the number of e-vehicle registrations to the impetus given by the state transport department and the increased awareness among the general public to move towards eco-friendly mobility options.

"Karnataka was one of the first states in India to come up with an Electric Vehicle and Energy Storage policy in 2017. We are giving 100 per cent road tax exemption to e-vehicles getting registered in the state," Kumar said and added that along with this, the improvement in the charging infrastructure in the state is also another reason for the jump in vehicle registrations.

State jumbos most sought-after in country

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA jumbos are in great demand. As many as 57 elephants from the state have so far been sent to states like West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Orrisa, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. Reason: Karnataka camp elephants are not just the highest in number in the entire country, but are also well trained to follow commands.

In the recent past, there have been three instances when jumbos from the state were sent to Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

An official from Project Elephant, an initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, said, "It won't be wrong to say that Karnataka elephants are best trained. Though it is not permitted to buy and sell elephants, it is on the directions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests that camp elephants are being sent to other states."

Elephants at the Sakrebailu camp in Shivamogga

The bond which an elephant shares with its mahout is also unique in Karnataka. The mahouts in the state are mostly tribals -- Jennu Kurubas, Kadu Kurubas and Bengali Muslims --- who are accustomed to living in the state's forests for generations.

The seven elephant camps of Karnataka -- Sakrebylu, Dubare, K Gudi, Pansoli, Mattigud, Rampura and Balle -- are home to around 125 jumbos, which is much more than the total capacity of 70. "Each camp can house not more than 30, but the number is high in all the camps", the official said.

"Another reason for increased number of elephants in the camps is the rising number of man-elephant conflict. The rogue, old, ailing or injured elephants have to be brought to the camps, and once they arrive, they cannot be kept idle or aloof. They have to be kept in company of other jumbos, failing which they start developing mental health issues. They gradually start getting trained by looking at other elephants," said a senior official from the Karnataka Forest Department.

While many activists and conservationists have strongly opposed the move of sending elephants to other states, officials say that the practice is not new. It started in 2015-16. The elephants are sent to other states where they are utilised in operations involving capture of other wild animals like tigers and leopards, patrolling, carrying logs and training other captured elephants.

"The number of applications from other states seeking camp elephants is only increasing. On many occasions, the demand is for our aggressive and courageous bulls like Abhimanyu, which we cannot part with. We instead suggest them to go for females and calves. To accommodate more elephants, new camps are being set up in Bodhipadaga (Chamarajanagar), Haragngi (Kushalnagar) and Bheemankatte (Madikeri)," the official added.

Tamil Book Festival starts from today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOR the first time in Bengaluru, a Tamil Book Festival will be organised from Sunday till January 1 by the Karnataka Tamil Journalists' Association and Karnataka Tamil School and College Association.

The festival will be inaugurated by Dr Mayilsami Annadurai, former project director, Chandrayan, ISRO; Member of Parliament P C Mohan and MLA Shri Rizwan Arshad.

The eight-day festival will witness book review sessions, literature essay writing competitions, poetry reciting, talent show, singing and much more. Cash prizes will be awarded to the competition winners. Entry is free and the festival is open to all from 8 am till 8 pm on all days.

Mysuru farmer bags ICAR's award for conservation of Bandur sheep

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

OWNER of Yashodavana Goat Farm in Yadahalli village, U K Srinivas Acharya, has won third prize in the national-level 'Breed Conservation Award' event organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources in Karnal in Haryana. Acharya, who received the award under individual category for conservation of indigenous Bandur sheep, told reporters on Saturday that the Bandur sheep which is from Bandur village at Malavalli taluk is a premier brand for the meat.

"The dwarf sheep is exclusively bred at Bandur which is popular for its wool and meat. I started with 85 breeding animals and produced more than 400 pure Bandur breed sheep to distribute among the farmers in the Mysuru region. From 2,500 sheep in 2012, we have around 25,000 now due to selective breeding and breed upgradation," he said. Acharya said his farm, spread across 50 acres of organically maintained agriculture land, was started in 2012.

"We are breeding superior quality breeds of goats and other livestock. Goat milk, ghee and other products are marketed. With proper approach and management, goat farming is a commercially viable and profitable business. We have trained more than 25,000 beneficiaries from different states and foreign countries including Nigeria, Bhutan and Sri Lanka on goat farming," he said. Acharya said he received the award on December 23 on Kisan Diwas with a cash prize of ₹15,000 and a certificate.

Two interstate drug peddlers who wanted to make a quick buck during New Year celebrations were arrested by the South Division police. The accused were procuring ganja from tribals in forest areas of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. The cops, disguised as prospective buyers, arrested the peddlers and recovered 263 kg of ganja worth around ₹35 lakh

SUSPENSION OF BBMP OFFICER, DC REVOKED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE suspension of S Rangappa, BBMP Commissioner (Administration), and K Srinivas, Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner, in connection with the voters' data tampering case in Shivajinagar, Mahadevapura Zone and Chickpet, were revoked by the government and they have been transferred.

VOTER DATA SCAM

Srinivas has been appointed MD of Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited, while Rangappa will take charge as Executive Director, State Minerals Corporation Limited Bengaluru.

Senior officials said that revoking of the suspensions was an administrative decision based on the documents placed before the court. However, the police investigation is still pending.

"We are awaiting the FSL report and the chargesheet is yet to be filed. Only after that, the process will be complete. If it is established that the officers had no role in it, they will be given a clean chit," said an official, adding that this is the reason the officials were transferred from their posts.

The Election Commission transferred both Srinivas and Rangappa after media reports indicated that voters' data had been tampered. It also led to the arrest of lower-rank officials like revenue and assistant revenue officials, who were working under the senior officials, and had allegedly colluded with NGO Chilume and provided fake ID cards to booth-level officers.

Dip in number of seat-belt rule violators

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

INCREASED surveillance has made Bengalueans more aware and law-abiding in following traffic rules like wearing seat belts, said M A Saleem, special commissioner, Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP).

Saleem said the number of people fined for not wearing seat belts came down from 1,36,000 in 2021 to 89,230 till November 30, 2022. He added that people have become more cautious and can be seen wearing seat belts in both driver and passenger seats.

Wearing of seat belts was made mandatory in Karnataka in October this year. As per the decision the violators would attract a penalty of Rs 1,000. Saleem, however, said that no fine was imposed on passengers who were found not wearing seat belts in the rear seats. He said new cars have advanced features like automatic beep when people do not wear seat belts.

The CCTV cameras in the city also capture images of both the driver and front passenger which helps in implementing the rule. So far, 330 cameras for tracking traffic violations and 3,000 surveillance cameras have been installed in the city.

Kalakrishna Swamy, DCP, Traffic East, also highlighted that in 2022, around 50,000 people were fined in Bengaluru East itself. She said that people have become more aware of following rules and regulations on the roads while travelling when compared to previous years.

The traffic police officers have urged the citizens to continue following the rules during the upcoming travel season as well.

Special drive against drunk driving till January 1

If you are drunk, book a cab to your home from till January 1 as the traffic police are conducting special drives to book drink-and-drive cases. Police personnel will be stationed at junctions near pubs, bars and restaurants and other places which serve liquor. During a coordination meeting with the representatives of New Year and Christmas party organisers, City top cop CH Pratap Reddy had advised them to arrange for cab aggregators or make travel arrangements for their customers after the event. On Friday night, the traffic police booked 146 cases. "The drive is aimed at averting fatal accidents which happen because of drunk drivers. The vehicles will be seized, and they have to deposit the fine in courts," said an officer of the Bengaluru North traffic division.

EXPRESS READ

THREE KILLED, SIX INJURED IN ACCIDENT ON BENGALURU-MYSURU EXPRESSWAY

Bengaluru: Three people, including a 42-year-old man and his 14-year-old son, were killed in an accident on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway near Channapatna around 4.45 am on Saturday. The victims were returning after visiting the Tirupati temple when their tempo traveller collided with a goods vehicle. Six others sustained serious injuries and are undergoing treatment. The deceased are Krishne Gowda (42), his 14-year-old son Srinivas and Mahesh (40), all residents of Chikkade village in Pandavapura of Mandya. The Channapatna traffic police have registered a case.

PEN DRIVE LOST

Painter extorts techie using her pvt pics, held

ENS @ Bengaluru

A PAINTER was arrested for blackmailing a 25-year-old woman software engineer after finding her lost pen drive that contained her private photos and videos. The victim had given him around Rs 70,000 after he promised to return the memory device. But he did not, and continued to harass her. She approached the CEN police of the South East division, who arrested the accused, Shoaib Ahmed, and recovered the pen drive.

After the victim, a resident of Begur Road, lost her pen drive, Shoaib had found it. He checked its contents and also found out her mobile number. He sent her some of the photos and videos from the pen drive on WhatsApp and demanded money. "He had threatened the victim that the photos and videos would be uploaded on social media if she did not pay up. But when he continued to demand money, she filed a complaint on October 30," said an officer.

Traffic police officers ask people to wear masks in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Cases low, no curb on inter-state travel

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru

THE State health department is not planning to enforce any restrictions on inter-state travel as of now as Karnataka has been witnessing low number of fresh Covid-19 cases.

Commissioner to Health and Family Welfare Department D Randeep said that there was no need to panic as of now as the number of Covid cases is very low in Karnataka and other states.

Randeep said that there is no need to panic on the news of screening of international passengers at airports as the norm was not relaxed even when cases had reduced. The Union Government has decided to randomly test 2% of international passengers arriving at airports in India for Covid-19. "Screening happened even in earlier Covid waves... so citizens need not panic. The Karnataka health department never stopped screening international passengers as a precautionary measure," he added.

He also confirmed that no new variant was found during screening at airports. In the last 30 days, 12 people were found positive with the BA.2 and BA.5 (sub-lineages of the Omicron variant) at KIA in Bengaluru.

The health department has already released new guidelines to be followed for Covid-19. Masks have been made mandatory indoors and in closed spaces. On mock drills in government hospitals on December 27 to check their preparedness, Randeep said a virtual briefing was given to the hospitals on Friday night.

"As of now, the government has also not planned to open designated hospitals to treat Covid patients as hospitalisation rate is low," he added. The health department has urged the citizens to come forward and take the precautionary dose. While 471 people took the booster dose on December 18 in Karnataka, the number rose to 9,753 on December 23.

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> D Randeep, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Department

No restriction on X-mas, NY bash, but follow norms: BBMP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH a new sub-variant of Omicron detected in India, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials clarified that there are no restrictions on celebrations, but those must be organised adhering to the Covid-19 guidelines which were issued by the state government.

The BBMP on Saturday issued the guidelines after a meeting between the state and Union health departments. In the meantime, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath ordered that marshals be deployed at all strategic places to ensure that the guidelines are followed. On Saturday, marshals were seen at busy market places with mics and loudspeakers, urging people to wear masks and maintain social distancing. BBMP Special Commissioner, health, Dr KV Thrilok Chandra told The New Sunday Express that people can celebrate as long as they follow Covid-appropriate behaviour and wear masks and maintain social distancing.

The BBMP will also increase its mobile testing centres and mobile vaccination units to ensure that more people are covered, he said. Hostels, paying guest accommodations and other such places where a large number of people reside will also be monitored.

Marshals and personnel will be deployed to sanitise areas where positive cases are reported. Chandra said the BBMP has also asked the hotels' and restaurants' associations to ensure that their staff is vaccinated, and customers follow Covid-19 protocols.

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Note:- That our **512 - R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080079857) dated **06-07-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-Obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 25,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.25%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **17-09-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **21-12-2022** is **Rs.28,98,177/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **22-12-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju)

Schedule - A:- All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Katha No.377/373/33/1/325/1, Old No.373/33/1, S.New No.325/1 Property Register No.377 in Sy.No.33/1 converted for Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes Vide No.B.Dis ALN(NY) SR 41/2009-10 dated **15-09-2009** by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Srigandhada kaval Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under BBMP, measuring:- East - 83 feet, West - 91.4 feet, North - 205.7 feet and South Side 193.1 feet and bounded as follows:- East by - Road and Mallathahalli Border, West by - Remaining Land in Sy. No.33/1, North by - Land belonging to Suresh, South by - 30 feet Road in Sy. No.33/2.

Schedule - B:- 380.65 Sq.ft., of undivided Share right, title, interest in the Land Schedule - A Property.

Schedule - C:- Two Bedroom Apartment No.TF-311 in 3rd Floor of the Building known as "Adithya Residency" having super built-up Area of 1,275 Sq.ft., and one covered Car Parking Space bearing No.TF-311 with all amenities.

Reserve Price: Rs.57,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Only)

Schedule - B: (Property Owned by Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.62, Assessment No.21/1, BBMP Ward No.40, Situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in total measuring 1,200 Sq.ft., and bounded on:- East by - Road, West by - Others Property, North by - Site No.63, South by - Site No.61.

Reserve Price: Rs.36,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
13-01-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177

Terms and Conditions of Re- Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **02.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 23-12-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN** - L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
PALGHAT DIVISION
Sr.Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/Palakkad invites E-TENDER for the following works.
E-TENDER NOTICE No. PGT/OT/19/2022 dated 22.12.2022

Sl. No	Name of work	Approximate Cash value (₹ in lakhs)	Bid Securtiy Amount ₹	Tender closing date 15.00 hrs on	Completion Period in Months
1	Palakkad-Repairs to doors, windows, water supply & sanitary arrangements and works for arresting leakage etc for staff Quarters under Senior Section Engineer/Works Palakkad Jurisdiction.	61.25	1,22,500/-	13.01.2023	Six
2	Shoranur-Laying of 6" pipe line from Check Dam to Railway collection well.	28.30	56,600/-	13.01.2023	Six
3	Palakkad Division: CTR(P) on Br.No.604 at Km 529.650-530.200 between Kanjikode-Palakkad on A line (work includes CC ballast retainer at LH side).	34.62	69,200/-	13.01.2023	Four
4	Construction of Two Type II quarters at Multi-Disciplinary Divisional Training Institute/ Palakkad campus.	53.80	1,07,600/-	23.01.2023	Six
5	Zonal contract for execution of works and supply of materials in Palakkad Division for a period of One year from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 - Zone "E1"-Senior Section Engineer/ Bridges/Kannur (Ferok-Mangalore & Mangalore - Panambur section).	80.00	1,60,000/-	23.01.2023	Twelve
6	Mangalore Junction-Construction of OHE depot and tower wagon siding at Mangalore Junction.	79.16	1,58,300/-	23.01.2023	Eight
7	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction-Proposed tree cuttings on either side of track	99.43	1,98,900/-	31.01.2023	Twelve
8	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction-Proposed tree cuttings on either side of track	69.03	1,38,100/-	31.01.2023	Twelve
9	Palakkad Division: Provision of drainage improvement works such as roofing, grouting, sump and pumping provision on Subways in lieu of LC no.227 (at km. 731/00-100). 263 (at Km.790/6-7), 284 (at Km.851/4-5) & 286 (at km.853/9-854/0.	78.67	1,57,400/-	23.01.2023	Four
10	Divisional Engineer/West/ Palakkad Jurisdiction Provision for new Platform Shelters, Passenger amenities like waiting hall, water cisterm, urinals etc at 18 stations.	91.38	1,82,800/-	13.01.2023	Ten
11	Complete scraping & Painting of steel Girder bridges in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Palakkad and Shoranur sub Divisions due for the year 2021-2022 (Details of Bridges as per annexure)	30.39	60,800/-	13.01.2023	Nine
Eligibility criteria for single similar work previously executed		Item No.1, 4, 6 & 10	Any Civil Engineering work except track work/transportation		
		Item No. 5	Any Civil Engineering works other than Track Works/Final Location Survey (FLS)/Surveying/ Consultancy & Designing.		
		Item No. 7, 8	Any work under Train Traffic condition		
		Item No. 9	Any Civil Engineering work (Except Track work)		

1. If the contracts on Works/goods/services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time. 2. Contractors/Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.7.2017 onwards. For complete details of the above tenders please visit website "http://www.ireps.gov.in"

Sr.Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Palakkad
(For and on behalf of the President of India)

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 14-DY.CE-WS-PER-2022-23-OT, DT.23.01.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Dy. CE/WS/PER, Southern Railway, Chennai-600023 invites e-tender for the following works as per notice inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderers/contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted.** The cost of the tender form should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple bank's net-banking, debit card and credit card.

Name of work: 14. CW/PER - Proposed Supply, erection, installation and commissioning of Pre-fabricated water recycling plants of various capacities of provision of STP capacity 100 KLD at behind RT shop & 20 KLD at near bio-tank maintenance shed at Carriage & Wagon workshop/Perambur.

Approximate Cash Value		Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)	Cost of Tender Form (Rupees)	Period of Completion in Month(s)	Closing/ Opening Date @ 14.30 hrs/14.30
Tender No	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
14	16958423.33	234800.00	0.00	06	23.01.2023

For further details refer to website portal**www.ireps.gov.in** or contact office of the Dy. Chief Engineer/Work Shops/Perambur, Chennai-600023

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NOTIFICATION NO. 30/2022

The University invites applications through an online mode from eligible candidates for the appointment of Group A, B & C Non-Teaching positions through direct recruitment /deputation basis. Interested candidates may please visit: www.cuk.ac.in for more details. The last date for submission of online application is 23/01/2023 and last date of receipt of hardcopy of online application along with all enclosures is 31/01/2023 up to 5:00 p.m. and last date of receipt of applications through proper channel (for In-service candidates) is 08/02/2023 up to 5:00 p.m.

Place : Kalaburagi
Date : 20/12/2022

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IN THE COURT OF THE XIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-18)
P & SC NO. 800/ 2022

BETWEEN : 1. Smt. P. Praveen Kumari, D/o Late A Puttamallaiah, W/o N H Krishna Kumar, aged about 43 Yeras.
2. Smt. P. Lalitha, D/o Late A Puttamallaiah, W/o Late Jayadevappa. aged about 65 years.
3. Smt. P. Pankanja, D/o Late A. Puttamallaiah, W/o Late Jayadevappa. aged about 59 years.
4. Smt. Kumudavathi P, D/o Late A Puttamallaiah, aged about 52 years, **All are R/at** : No.123, Durgadevi Temple Road, Ittegegud Post, Nazarbad, Mysore - 570010. **...PETITIONERS**
AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT

Whereas, the petitioners above named have filed the above petition under section 372 of Indian Succession act for issue of succession certificate in favour of the first petitioner/ petitioners.

Interested parties are hereby warned to appear before the Hon'ble Court in Person or by a pleader duly instructed **on 16-02-2023 at 11.00 AM** to show cause against the petitioners failing which the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE

I. Savings Bank Account in the name of late Jayaprakash Shankar. P S/o Late A Puttamallaiah, bearing No.042020100120 79 maintained with Syndicate Bank (New merged with Canara Bank) Krishnarajapura Branch, Bangalore.
ii. Fixed Deposit Account in the name of Late. Jayaprakash Shankar P S/o Late A Puttamallaiah, maintained with Syndicate Bank (now merged with Canara Bank) Krishnarajapura Branch, Bangalore.

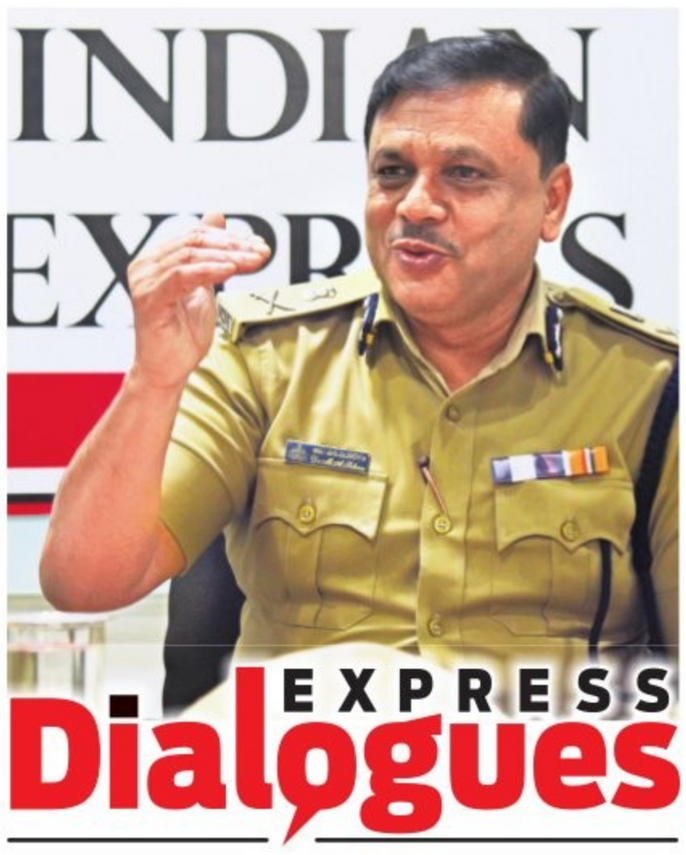
Given under my hand & seal of the court **16-12-2022.**

By Order Of The Court, Assistant Registrar City Civil Court, Bangalore

SATHISHA P, NANDISH R,
Off Adress : No 2852, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Jayanagara, Mysuru - 570014

An assistant professor of the English Department of Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University has been suspended after he was accused of sexually harassing a PhD student. The suspended lecturer, Chand Bhasha, 47, has been facing a sexual harassment case for a month. "Chand Basha has been suspended under the Karnataka Civil Service rules," said Dr Shankargouda Patil, University Registrar

'START 10 MINUTES EARLY... NO TENSION, NO PRESSURE'



SPECIAL Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MA Saleem was handpicked by the government to change the image of Bengaluru, which was choking with heavy traffic. Within a few weeks of taking charge, the senior IPS officer of the 1993 batch has brought in visible improvements on major roads. He has a mantra for motorists to avoid any traffic-related problems, which he shared with editors and staff of *The New Sunday Express*: "Leave ten minutes earlier!" Excerpts from the interview:

How would you rank Bengaluru traffic compared to other cities?
Well, Delhi and Bengaluru are similar as both are circular cities unlike Mumbai, which is a linear city. Traffic management is much easier in Mumbai. Also, the share of public transport is 82 per cent in Mumbai, whereas it is only 45 per cent in Bengaluru, with personal transport making up 43 per cent and autorickshaws and cabs filling up 12 per cent. In another 2-3 years when we have a robust public transport system, we can reduce the use of personal vehicles to 20 per cent.

For the first time, an ADGP-rank officer has been managing traffic. Is there any mandate from the CM or the government for you?
Traffic is priority because it is being talked about, in the sense that Bengaluru is tagged with the word 'traffic'. We should completely remove that tag now. Traffic in Bengaluru is like in any other city today, but since many people travel to Bengaluru, they compare it with Western cities. But now we have to ensure that Bengaluru is talked about only for its great climate.

What is your message to motorists in Bengaluru?
Just start the journey 10 minutes early. No tension, no pressure, no problem at all. You will follow all traffic rules.

As a special commissioner, are there any dedicated plans or visions for Bengaluru?
As far as traffic police are concerned, all our plans and measures are short-term. That is because traffic engineering is the long-term solution and we do not have much role in that. Civic agencies have to plan traffic management. Traffic police are there only to regulate and enforce smooth traffic, along with road safety, investigations and prevention of road traffic accidents. Bengaluru has around one crore vehicles now. By 2030, we might have 1.6 crore vehicles and we do not have any plan for that. This is where the role of civic agencies comes in.

What are the challenges in coordinating with multiple civic agencies?
Coordination is good now compared to earlier times as traffic management is a priority for the government and all agencies are on board now. Whatever the traffic police suggest is happening and what other agencies are suggesting is also happening. But it is not possible to prevent certain things related to utilities in old parts of the city. By and large, coordination is good as there is a system of being kept informed. For example, for any digging, we are informed in advance and we give permission depending upon the (traffic) flow. We also take action if somebody digs without information.

This is your third stint in handling Bengaluru traffic and you are known as a traffic expert. What are the key initiatives you are taking?
There are some major problems with Bengaluru traffic, and one is that we don't have adequate public transport, which is seeing a slow growth. Construction works of mass transit facilities like Metro and suburban rail are taking time. Hence, people use more private vehicles. The city has 1.07 crore vehicles. Every day, 2,000-2,500 new vehicles are being registered. At any given point, we have about 20-22 lakh vehicles on the roads. The major challenge is to ensure free movement of traffic during peak hours. The first thing we did was to shift our priority from enforcement to regulation and put all our resources to regulate traffic during peak hours. It helped as the presence of police on roads generally helps to a large extent, taking decisions quickly and mitigating the situation. Secondly, we focused on reducing the traffic volume itself and implemented the ban on heavy and medium goods vehicles strictly. In the CBD area, we don't have much traffic problems because of one-ways, but the entry points to the CBD area, like Hebbal Flyover, Goraguntepalya Junction, Mysuru Road, Silk Board Junction and Tin Factory Junction are a problem. These are our choke points, where people lose almost 20-25 minutes just to cross the bottleneck points. So, we came up with different strategies for different areas. For example, at the Hebbal flyover, we removed all goods vehicles, including light commercial vehicles and gave alternate routes for them. This resulted in the waiting time at the flyover reducing from 25 to 7-10 minutes. At Hope Farm, we reduced the 3-cycle wait to one. A synchronised signal system was introduced on many stretches. These are helping in achieving a smooth flow of vehicles. But we are facing challenges in the evening peak hours and we are working on completely removing goods vehicles during evenings too ... Also, now the focus is on regulation, which is the key. Technology is so good now that even a common man can see where the traffic congestion is. Earlier, this luxury was not there.

Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MA Saleem interacts with TNSE editors and journalists at The New Indian Express office in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

How crucial is motorists' behaviour in reducing congestion on roads?
Driving skills and discipline are the key. Unfortunately, Bengaluru doesn't have much lane discipline and that leads to congestion. Lane indiscipline has two types — direction-oriented and speed-oriented. Direction-oriented lane indiscipline is if you want to make a right turn, you need to be on the right lane and the swerve should take place about 100 metres from the junction. But people try to swerve at the junction when the signal turns green, slowing down the traffic and leading to congestion as only 70 vehicles pass in place of 100. Speed-oriented lane indiscipline is what you see commonly on highways, where trucks take the right lane, though they're slow-moving and they decide the speed of other vehicles. Lane indiscipline is one of the major causes of worry as far as traffic and bandwidth are concerned.

How is undesirable motorist behaviour dealt with?
There is undesirable behaviour such as riding and parking on footpaths. We have decided to book such violations not under the Motor Vehicle Act, but section 283 of the IPC (Indian Penal Code) as it's a rash and negligent act which may put lives of others in danger. We have booked more than 2,900 such cases in the last one-and-a-half months. It's a cognisable, but bailable case. The vehicle is impounded and has to be released through the court, which is a long process and acts as a big deterrent. Earlier, we used to book 10,000 such cases per year. They are mostly plead-guilty cases and fines are levied by the court.

What about autorickshaw drivers? They charge any amount and there is no regulation. Getting them is also very difficult as they refuse passengers...
We are bringing back prepaid auto stands. Before the pandemic, we had 16 stands and we are already starting them in important areas. Autos are a good public transport system, but the service should be good. Earlier, we had a system of auto drivers displaying their details inside vehicles, but it is not in use now. We have held talks with associations concerned to introduce a digital system to know the details of drivers.

Tell us about your doctorate in traffic.
I am a commerce and management student and I have also done a master's in police management. Subsequently, I was doing a PhD in human resource development. But my guide suggested traffic management as I was working in traffic and introducing one-ways at that time. The main focus of the thesis was the one-way system I had introduced.

How are you leveraging technology for better traffic management?
We are using technology for enforcement, doing away with manual checking, except for drink-and-drive cases. We have 7,500 cameras in the city and are generating 30,000 challans per day using technology. It will be scaled up. Violations will come down once people get notices and realise that cameras are capturing their violations.

Can you say something about the plans of making roads pedestrian-friendly during weekends, like on Church Street and in VV Puram?
Major thing is that we should have adequate public transport. If the road surface is not available for vehicles, then there will be congestion. For instance, Cubbon Park is pedestrian-friendly during weekends and on public holidays. Apart from Church Street and Commercial Street along with very few other roads, I don't think any other roads qualify.

Has the number of accidents come down?
It has come down compared to what it was a decade earlier. This might be because of congestion and slow traffic movement. Once the cases are fewer, even a few cases look big. In cities like Dubai, the annual deaths are just 6-7. This is because of good driving skills and road discipline. If it goes hand-in-hand with enforcement, all roads will be safe for driving.

Cyclists say the city is not safe for them.
It is not safe right now as there are no dedicated cycle lanes. It requires engineering interventions. Cycling is another mode of transport. Owning a vehicle is related to aspirations here, it is not for travel. Aspirations for bikes or cars are based on income.

What is the speed limit for vehicles that Bengaluru should have?
It should be 50 kmph. A survey on this should be done now to check the speed. The last survey was done almost a decade ago. About speed limits near school zones, we have started working on it as the safety of students is of utmost priority.

What about reforms within the traffic police department?
Now the strength of the traffic police is better. The government has sanctioned four new traffic police stations for the city along with two sub-divisions where we will get more staff. BBMP has given 200 home guards for the BTP. We are getting good support from industries and also traffic marshalls in regulating traffic. Many people are coming forward to volunteer as traffic wardens ... The job of traffic police is extremely difficult. In the police department, the shift system is there only for traffic police where each shift will be for seven hours a day. Everybody is entitled to a weekly off. Compulsory annual health checkup is there for traffic police. The Arogya Bhagya scheme covers the entire family. There are good Police Public Schools and the housing facility too is good. The percentage of housing is about 57 at present and it was around 42 earlier. It is good to have rent-free housing for the police in a city like Bengaluru. Service conditions have largely improved. Even a police constable whose education requirement is just a 12th pass gets a salary of Rs 35,000 which is better than any software engineer's first salary.

What can be made to encourage people to use public transport?
It is going to happen. Public transport should be economical and faster than personal vehicles. The last-mile connectivity too is happening. Once all the Metro lines are operational, people will use public transport.

What do you say about you being labelled 'One-way' Saleem?
People called me names. But the one-ways have stayed. It has been more than a decade. All the one-ways are working very well without any problem. Nobody can change it now. In the western part of the city, some roads have to be made one-ways. All roads cannot be made one-ways. It has to be complementary and the distance should not be more than half-a-kilometre. The classic example is Queen's Road and Cunningham Road. Both are complementary one-ways, one for going and the other for coming back.

Did you always want to be a police officer?
No. I wanted to be a BTS (now BMTC) bus driver as the bus was very attractive. Only after joining MCom, I saw my classmates preparing for government services and got to know about such exams.

What about your hobbies?
Reading. I have my library and I read mostly fiction. Sidney Sheldon, Harold Robbins and Jeffrey Archer are my favourite. I have a lot of books in Kannada, English and Urdu. I also read Usha Navarathnaram's novels in Kannada...

Bommai to present budget in February

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday announced that he will present the state budget for the fiscal year 2023-24 in February 2023.

He told reporters in Shiggaon that he has already held two rounds of talks with Finance Department officials in this connection. "After the ongoing winter session in Belagavi concludes, discussions will be held with all departments, institutions and associations concerned," he said.

In his maiden budget that he had presented on March 4, 2022, the outlay was Rs 2.65 lakh crore and in 2023-24 the outlay is likely to increase by 10 per cent, according to an official. It will be the last budget of the current dispensation which will be presented just ahead of assembly polls which are likely to take place in a few months.

The CM is likely to announce sops for women, working class and the SC/ST/OBCs as he had hinted about it recently. The 'Raitha Vidyanidhi' scholarships which has been offered to children of farmers may now be extended to the children of other working class, including weavers and potters. The allocation of funds to implement the 'Yashaswini' health scheme will also be a priority. Apart from this, irrigation projects may get a boost, especially the 3rd phase of Upper Krishna Project, as the people of north Karnataka were not happy with the Rs 5,000 crore allocation made last time as against the requirement of Rs 50,000 crore.

No early polls: CM

Speaking in Hubballi, CM Bommai said that the government has no plans to call for early elections. He said that the Congress in Karnataka was facing uncertainty and infighting was rampant in the party.

EXPRESS READ

DON'T SEND TRANSFER FILES: CMO TELLS 3 DEPTS

Bengaluru: The Chief Minister's Office directed the Public Works Department (PWD), Water Resources and Minor Irrigation Departments not to put up files related to transfers as the time for general transfers is over with the budget session of the state legislature to begin soon. A note from the CMO to the Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Principal Secretary, PWD, and Secretary, Minor Irrigation Department stated that the transfer proposals should not be sent as the budget session are approaching. The CMO stated that respective ministers have been asked to take decisions on officers waiting for posting. Sources in the government said that the CMO has issued the directions as it gets flooded with transfer proposals.

Will Reddy launch his party? D-Day today

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FORMER minister Gali Janardhana Reddy, who has kept political parties -- especially BJP -- on tenterhooks over launching his own party, is likely to end the suspense on Sunday.

But BJP has stated in recent weeks that Reddy, who could eat into BJP votes, has been convinced not to go the independent way. A few days ago, Reddy announced Rs 6 crore for the development of Khaleelullah Quadri Dargah at Gangavathi, raising eyebrows in political circles with the second-rung BJP leaders differing with him over his decision. That was also one of the reasons why there is speculation over his launching own "secular party".

The mining baron was sentenced to imprisonment in an illegal mining case in 2011, and was granted bail in 2015.

Later, the Supreme Court gave him permission to enter his hometown of Ballari in October 2022. The former MLC has decided to make a comeback to public life and is eyeing the Gangavathi constituency ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections.

To beef up his support base, he had embarked on visits, accompanied by his wife Aruna Laxmi, to religious institutions of the Lingayat community.

He also held a two-hour-long meeting over dinner at his residence with former chief minister BS Yediyurappa and a source said that something significant transpired between them. Reddy wants the BJP ticket for himself, and his supporters in the Kalyana Karnataka region. With Union Home Minister Amit Shah unhappy with him, and the party high command disinclined to accommodate him, Reddy might insist his wife be given a ticket, sources added.

Court issued order on Dec 19

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KEMPANNA had given an ultimatum of one week for KSCA to reply to the notice and tender an apology in public or produce evidence to prove the allegations against him. The minister had filed the suit before a trial court after the association did not fulfil any of his conditions. Munirathna had also obtained an injunction order restraining KSCA from making any defamatory statements against him.

The 8th ACMM court issued a non-bailable warrant against Kempanna and others on December 19. The Vyalikaval police arrested Kempanna, Nataraj, Krishna Reddy and Gurusiddappa.

R Srinivas Gowda, DCP (Central), confirmed the arrests.

Disharmony at the top, Siddu keeps cold-shouldering Parameshwara

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

CONGRESS Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah ignored former Deputy Chief Minister Dr G Parameshwara on the birth anniversary of late Lakshmi Narasimhaiah on Saturday, making the rift between them evident.

This is the third time in a row that Parameshwara has been neglected. He was not invited for the Kuruba and Muslim communities' events which were held over the last six months. Within the party, Parameshwara's rival former MLA KN Rajanna were among those who shared the dais with Siddaramaiah. On Saturday, sharing the dais with JDS candidate Govindaraju, who is also from a backward community, has triggered speculation that Siddaramaiah wants to send a message before the Assembly polls next year. There are speculation that as Govindaraju is close to both Siddaramaiah and KPCC chief DK Shivakumar, he might be trying to get the ticket for the Tumakuru city Assembly from the Congress.

CLP leader Siddaramaiah being felicitated during an event to celebrate the birth anniversary of late Lakshmi Narasimhaiah in Tumakuru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Dr GP lauds Sudhakar

Parameshwara praised state Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar for efficiently managing the pandemic. "I have been closely following the ministers, but Sudhakar has toiled for the welfare of all communities," Parameshwara said.

CANE PRICE

Will gherao CM's home, warn growers

ENS @ Belagavi

KARNATAKA Sugarcane Growers' Association president Kurubur Shanthakumar on Saturday warned the government it should announce ₹3,500/tonne as sugarcane price before December 30 or they will lay siege to CM Basavaraj Bommai's residence in Bengaluru.

He said, "The CM had promised that FRP for sugarcane will be hiked and harvesting and transportation cost will be reduced. He should fulfil them. We will launch a series of hunger strikes from December 26."

He said, "Sugar factories are yet to pay the FRP to farmers, which should be cleared in 14 days. Some have paid the bills partially and have kept thousands of crores pending." Based on complaints by farmers in weighing sugarcane, the sugar commissioner office raided 21 sugar mills, he said, adding that it must release a report about the raid.

Sugar factories are illegally deducting 7% from the total weight of sugarcane. The sugar and sugarcane development commissioner should take action, he said. Association vice-president Suresh Patil, district president Gurusiddappa Kotagi, farmer leader Ramesh Hiremath, and others were present.

The Guntur police on Saturday destroyed 10,400 kg of ganja seized from five districts of AP — Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Prakasam, and Nellore. The police have seized 4,667 kg of ganja in Guntur, 2,091 kg in Prakasam, 1,858 kg in Bapatla, 1,128 kg in Palnadu, and 679 kg in Nellore

Sammelana will be held with Covid measures: CM

Says Haveri meet will be organised on open ground from Jan 6 to 8

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai receives petitions from people at his residence in Hubballi on Saturday | DHEMANTH

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Haveri

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday confirmed that the 86th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana will be held in Haveri from January 6 to 8, and all Covid safety measures and guidelines will be followed.

He said the Sammelana is being held in an open ground and all precautionary measures will be taken during the three-day event.

After inaugurating various developmental works in his constituency Shiggaon town on Saturday, Bommai requested all participants of the sammelana to adhere to the Covid guidelines so as not to spread the virus. Earlier, he inaugurated the invitation card of the sammelana. "The next sahitya sammelana in Haveri will be the biggest ever. The Sammelana will help spread Kannada and Karnataka culture. I request everyone to attend the three-day event in Haveri and be a part of its success," he added.

Touching upon the ongoing Karnataka-Maharashtra border dispute, he said, "No one can touch Kannada language, land and water. During the ongoing session in Belagavi, we will discuss problems being faced by Kannadigas in Maharashtra."

A 32-page invitation card of the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, printed with the tagline 'Come To Haveri, Come to Our Town' (Banni Haverige Banni Namma Oorige), was unveiled by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday.

Bommai: No need to panic, but stay alert

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday appealed to people not to panic but stay alert and exercise caution amid rise in Covid-19 cases in China and a few other countries.

Addressing the media at his residence here on the sidelines of Janata Darshan, Bommai said Karnataka will organise camps to administer precautionary doses at taluk and district level. "I am holding a meeting with Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar. Large camps will be organised to ensure that beneficiaries get the booster dose," the chief minister elaborated.

He said all Influenza Like Illness and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness cases will be tested for Covid-19 and wearing masks in public places and maintaining social distance will be made mandatory. Bommai said that the State Government will soon announce guidelines for New Year celebrations.

Unified Mass row: Clashes at Kochi Basilica

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE standoff over the Unified Holy Mass took a violent turn on the Christmas Eve, with the priests and laity belonging to two groups clashing with each other and desecrating the altar of the St Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Kochi, on Saturday.

As tension prevailed on the Basilica premises, the Midnight Mass and other customary Christmas celebrations were cancelled. The opposing groups arrived at a consensus to cancel the celebrations, at a meeting convened by ADM S Shajahan on Saturday evening. Tension prevailed at the the Basilica — the headquarters of the Major Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly — from Friday evening after a section of priests supporting the Mass facing the congregation held Holy Mass at the church. Following this, a group led by Basilica administrator Fr Antony Puthuvelil arrived at the spot and performed a Unified Mass. Later, the police pacified both groups which averted tension.

However, at 10 am on Saturday, the group led by Basilica administrator disrupted the marathon Holy Mass performed by those supporting the Mass facing the congregation, triggering an altercation. But the priests performing the marathon Mass refused to leave the Basilica. This led to an altercation and priests were seen fighting in front of the altar.

A section allegedly desecrated the altar and pushed down the lamps. The priests were also attacked in the melee. As the scuffle continued, the police used force and removed both groups from the church. The police took three people into custody in connection with the incident.

Though the police tried to strike a compromise, both sides were against closing down the church on the Christmas eve. As tension escalated, the police took control of the church and pushed both groups outside the Basilica. They were directed to participate in the mediatory talks organised by Kochi city police DCP. However, both groups kept away from talks and subsequently, ADM convened a meeting.

Meanwhile, Fr Jose Vailikodath, senior priest and public relations officer of Athiroopatha Samrakshana Samiti, alleged a conspiracy by Fr Antony Puthuvelil, the new administrator of the Basilica to disrupt the Mass with the support of the police. "I request the intervention of Pope Francis in the issue considering its seriousness. We are not expecting justice from the Synod. The police should act impartially," he said.

Activist Akkai seeks apology from BJP RS member for same-sex marriage remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TRANSGENDER and sexual minorities rights activist **Akkai Padmashali** urged BJP Rajya Sabha member Sushil Kumar Modi to tender an apology to the LGBTQI community for what she called "the hurt he caused through his remarks in the Upper House".

"I was deeply disturbed to see your speech in the Rajya Sabha warning against any legal recognition to same-sex marriage. As a transgender person who is part of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Jogappa Marladi ++ movement, I believe that the right to marry should be applicable to all persons and not restricted to 'Men' and 'Women'," Akkai stated in an open letter to Sushil Kumar Modi. Akkai said: "You oppose same-sex marriage as in your opinion marriage had to be seen as 'pure' and it means 'biological man and biological female'. The point the LGBTQI movement has been making is that gender is a spectrum. Taking my own personal example, I was born a male, though I always knew that my identity was a woman. With the increase in awareness and my own confidence and strength have now transitioned to becoming a woman. However, in your definition, I am not a biological woman and hence not entitled to get married. This denial of marriage to those of us who are not biologically women is a denial of the very principle of equality and the right to lead dignified lives."

Akkai said she was surprised to see that in his speech he also advised the court not to give a ruling that goes against the nation's cultural ethos, culture, and thoughts. She said the MP is wrong to assume that this battle was by left/ liberal people who are attempting to bring legal recognition to same-sex marriage.

As a transgender person who is part of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Jogappa Marladi ++ movement, I believe that the right to marry should be applicable to all persons and not restricted to 'Men' and 'Women' — Akkai Padmashali, activist

Boy dies of snake bite, kin say waited long for ambulance

ENS @Hassan

A four-year-old boy died after being bitten by a snake in front of an anganwadi centre at Doddakallur village in Sakleshpur taluk on Friday. The incident occured when the boy, Roshan, son of labourer Yeshavanth, was playing with three others in front of the anganwadi. The snake bit the boy's right thumb.

When a teacher went to Roshan's house to get him to the centre, she was shocked to see him crying in pain. As an ambulance did not arrive, his father shifted him to a community health centre in Hettur on a bike. At the CHC, Yeshavanth was told to take the boy to the taluk hospital. The ambulance arrived when Yeshavanth was nearing the Sakleshpur hospital. Later, ambulance staff took the boy to the hospital where he was declared brought dead. The parents said their son died as the ambulance didn't arrive on time.

EXPRESS READ

Bear kills farmer in BRT Tiger Reserve

MYSURU: A 50-year-old farmer was killed by a bear in Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve in Chamarajanagar district on Saturday. Foresters said Punajanuru Raju died in the bear attack while his relative managed to escape. Both had gone near the forest area at Huchanakembare village coming under Punajanuru wildlife range to rear cattle when they were attacked by the bear. **ENS**

8 Sabarimala pilgrims killed as car falls into gorge

THENI : Eight Sabarimala pilgrims from TN died and two others sustained injuries after a car in which they were travelling fell into a 40-foot-deep gorge at Iraichalpalam near Kumuli ghat section in Theni district in Tamil Nadu late on Friday. The victims had left for Sabarimala on December 22 and were returning home when the accident occured. **ENS**

25 students in hosp after lizard found in buttermilk

ANANTAPUR: For the second time in a month, 25 students of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Singanamala fell ill after having dinner on Friday. Preliminary probe has revealed that a dead lizard was found in the buttermilk consumed by the students, officials said. Offic-ials suspect the lizard might have been intentionally dropped owing to a scuffle between the teaching and non-teaching staff. **ENS**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : SE/PHC/KKD/83/2022-23

Jala Jeevan Mission)-CWSS to Kavilumpara & Maruthonkara in Kozhikode District - Supplying & Laying 250mm DI K9 Clear WaterGravity main from Chekkoramala 4.00LLsump to 12.50LL OHSR & Construction of 12.50LL OHSR at Odankode at Kavilumpara GP. EMD : Rs. 200000 Tender fee : Rs. 11025+GST(1985) Last Date for submitting Tender : 17-01-2023 04:00:pm Phone : 0495 – 2371046.
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-1303-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, KOZHIKODE

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
REGD. OFFICE, Sri Sai Towers, Door No:10-152/1, Bandaru Road, Kanuru, Vijayawada-520 007
Tender. No.PDS/FRK/KMS-2022-23 Dated: 24.12.2022
TENDER NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF FRK MANUFACTURERS FOR SUPPLY OF 9,800 MTs OF RAW RICE FRK TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FOR FORTIFICATION THROUGH NEML PLATFORM.
Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd invites Tenders for Appointment of FRK Manufacturers for Supply of Raw Rice FRK. For complete details Interested Manufacturers from all over India may visit www.apscscl.in or www.neml.in to view and download tender documents free of cost. Contact No.9962059599
Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organisation, Ernakulam Jn
Tender Notice No: CE-CN-ERS-SD-11-2022 dated 21.12.2022
Name of Work: Project Management Services for Redevelopment of Kanniyakumari station.
Tender Value: Rs. 26884517/-
Bid Security: Rs. 284400/-
Completion Period: 43 Months
Pre-Bid Meeting: 30.12.2022
Date and time of tender closing: 25.01.2023, 15:00 Hrs
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SALE CANCELLATION NOTICE
The sale notice published in The New Indian Express Newspaper dated 23.12.2022 in Page No.15, SI Nos.1 for the e-auction dated 28.12.2022 issued under SARFAESI Act 2002 by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, Kumaraswamy Layout Branch for the properties in Bangalore mortgaged to Canara Bank in the account of Mr. Manoj and Mrs. Lakshmi is hereby withdrawn. All other matter remains same.
Place : Bangalore Date : 24.12.2022 Authorized Officer Canara Bank

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP)
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(One-Envelope Bidding Process without e-Procurement)
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
BID INVITATION NO:05 / UPBC / VELLORE / 2022-2023 / F. TENDER (TN IAMP) / DATE : 23.12.2022
NAME OF PROJECTS : Rehabilitation and Modernisation of Ponnai Anicut in Katpadi Block of Katpadi Taluk in Vellore District and its 2 Canals in Walajah Block of Walajah Taluk in Ranipet District under Poiney Sub Basin.
RFB REFERENCE NOS.: (Package No. 01 / TNIAMP / WRD / POY / WORKS / Phase – IV / 2021– 2022)
1. The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward eligible payments under the contract for construction of works as detailed below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through national open competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016,Revised August 2018" ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
3. Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamil Nadu under Class I or other State Governments/Government of India, or State / Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders.
4. The Water Resources Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, **the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore - 632 006, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of works detailed below in the table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the works indicated therein. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address given below during office hours. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15 of the "Procurement Regulations" setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
5. The bidding document (and additional copies) may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders from the office of **the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore – 632 006, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu from 29.12.2022 to 01.02.2023** upon payment of a non-refundable fee (three sets) as indicated in the table below, in the form of Demand Draft (DD) on any Scheduled / Nationalized bank payable in favour of **the Executive Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Division, Vellore – 632 006.** Bidding document requested by mail will be dispatched by courier/speed post on payment of an extra amount of Rs.500/-. **The Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore – 632 006, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu** will not be held responsible for the postal delay if any, in the delivery of the documents or non-receipt of the same. **The bidding document can be downloaded from the website http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost. In such cases, the bidder is responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.**
6. Bids must be delivered to **the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore – 632 006, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu** on or before **03.00pm on 01.02.2023** and will be publicly opened on the same day **at 03.30pm** in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Late Bids will be rejected.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (or "Bid-Securing Declaration," as appropriate) of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn in favour of **the Executive Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Division, Vellore – 6.** Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.
8. A pre-bid meeting will be held on **12.01.2023** at **11.00AM** at the office of **The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore– 632 006, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu** to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document.Bidders are advised to obtain the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding document.
10. The address for communication is as under :
Superintending Engineer's Chamber,
Er.C.T. SHANMUGAM, M.E., Superintending Engineer, WRD,
Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore – 632 006, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu.
0416 - 2998643. seupperpalarcircle@gmail.com. http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in

TABLE

Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of work	Bid Value * (inclusive of GST) (in.Rs.)	Bid Estimate Amount (US $)	Bid Security (in.Rs.)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	**Period of completion (Including Six months rainy season and 6 month of Water Regulation period)	Last Date and Time for receipt of Bids and Opening Time
1.	01 / TN IAMP / WRD / POY / WORKS / Phase - IV / 2021 - 22	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of Ponnai Anicut in Katpadi Block of Katpadi Taluk in Vellore District and its 2 Canals in Walajah Block of Walajah Taluk in Ranipet District under Poiney Sub Basin.	18,88,94,866.00	2285479.32	37,80,000.00	17,700.00	24 Months	31.01.2023 5.45 pm & 01.02.2023 03.30 pm

* For work value Inclusive of GST 18%
** Including Water Regulation and Rainy season

Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Palar Basin Circle, Vellore - 632 006.
DIPR/ 5700 /TENDER/2022 "சோளன கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA.
Short Term Tender Notification No. 84/2022-23 Dated: 22.12.2022
SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division, Chitradurga is inviting tenders for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) for the Proposed improvements approximately 82.475 km length and 04 Bridges State Highway, Major District Road and Other District Roads works to be taken up under CEPMIZ as per Standard Bidding Document (KC-4) and KPWD Norms.
Name of work: 1) Package No.3: 1) Improvements to Road From SH-48 Vishwanathanahalli to Sira Border Road Via Chikkajajuru, Chitrahalli, H D Pura, Madadakere, BaramaGiri, Doddaghatta,Adhivala Ranganthapura from Km 12.00 to 16.50 in Holakere Taluk 2) Improvements Road From Halehalli Lambanihatti to Apparasanahalli Via Gilkenahalli-Garaga-Mekenehatti Km 2.60 to 9.50 in Holalkere Taluk 3) Improvements to Road from NH-13 to Hosadurga Taluk Border Via T Emmiganuru , Sirappanahalli and Malasinganahalli From Km 0.00 to 13.00 in Holalkere Taluk 4) Construction of Bridges on SH-48 at Km at km 33.65 near Echaghatta and at km 6.00 near kaduru, on SH-47 at km 264.90 near Andanuru and at km 7.10 near Gunderi of Holalkere –Gunderi –Ramagiri road in Holalkere Taluk 5) Improvements to Road NH-13 to Holalkere-Hulemalali Road Via Punajuru , Punajuru Bovihatti from Km 0.00 to 4.40 in Holalkere Taluk 6) Improvements to Road From Dummi-Ramaghatta Via Anjanapura Km 4.50 to 5.70 in Holalkere Taluk 7) Improvements to Road From Kengunte-Koratikere Km 1.325 to 4.00 in Holalkere Taluk/Call-3. **Proposed length in kms:** 1) 4.50, 2) 6.90, 3) 13.00, 5) 4.40, 6) 1.20, 7) 2.675 = **Total:** 32.675 & 4) 04 Bridges. **EMD:** Workwise EMD Details may be obtained through E-Proc Portal. 2) Package No.1: a) Improvements to Hirebennuru-Sirigere-Sasalu road from KM 0.00 to 13.00 in Chitradurga Taluk of Chitradurga District -CC Road (up to D. Madakripura) b) Improvements to Sirigere to Bommenhalli Via Kadleguddu 15 Km in Chitradurga Taluk of Chitradurga District -CC Road (Proposed ch 0.00 to 13.50 KM) c) Improvements to Hirebennur-Sirigere- Sasalu road from Km 13.00 to 17.50 & Km 18.10 to 21.60 in Holalkere Taluk of Chitradurga District (8 kms) d) Improvements to Road from Mathighatta Chitradurga Taluk Border Km 0.00 to 15.50 in Holalkere Taluk of Chitradurga District. (15.30 kms) /call-3. **Proposed length in kms:** a) 13.00, b) 13.50, c) 8.00, d) 15.30 = **Total:** 49.80. **EMD:** Workwise EMD Details may be obtained through E-Proc Portal.
Tender Process Details: 1) Tender Dcoument can be downloaded in E Proc Portal from 22.12.2022 to 29.12.2022 upto 15.00 Hours. 2) Pre bid meeting on 26.12.2022 at 11.30 Hours (o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Chitradurga). 3) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders 29.12.2022 upto 16.30 Hours. 4) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid 30.12.2022 at 16.45 Hours. 5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial Proposal: will be informed separately to those consultants whose technical proposal is accepted. 6) Corrigendums, Addendums and Modifications in Notification if any will be published in E-procurement Portal only.
Terms of Reference may be downloaded in E-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 22.12.2022.
Registered Consultancy firms in E-Procurement are eligible to participate in any number of tender, But on consultancy firm is eligible to obtain Tender.
Any information can be obtained from o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Chitradurga during office hours on all working days and also through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in E-Procurement Portal Helpdesk Telephone No. 080-25501216 & 080-25501217.
RO No. 801: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on behalf of my Clients, **Mr Debashis Das and Mrs Lina Das,** that the document Original Apartment Buyer Agreement bearing Serial No. A-3512 and dated 21.01.2011 executed between **Debashis Das-Lina Das,** being the First Party & **M/s. DLF Southern Homes Pvt Ltd-M/s. Annabel Builders and Developers Pvt Ltd** being the Second Party, for the purchase of Schedule Property, has been misplaced and not traceable yet. The report of the same has been lodged at the Goregaon Police Station, Mumbai vide report number 184 of 2022 dated 04.12.2022 If found, kindly inform the undersigned.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Apartment B4-184 i.e. Apartment bearing **No. 04,** interalia comprising of 2 bedrooms located at **18th floor** of Block B4 of **Building No. 3** of Westend Heights, having Super Area **1279 sq ft** and Apartment Area **1002.279 sq ft,** Located at **Akshay Nagar, Begur** along with exclusive right to use Car Parking Space BUG400 & along with proportionate undivided interest of **398.375 sq ft** in the land and BBMP Khatha No. "1/1425/356/1 F No. B4184",
Kartikeya Khanna, Advocate
B6101, Westend Heights, Akshay Nagar, Bangalore - 560114
counselkhanna@gmail.com | 9620933324

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical) Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram-14 for and on behalf of the Union of india invites E-Tenders for the under mentioned work .For other details the tenderers are advised to refer the detailed tender in the below mentioned website.
Tender Notice No. **TVC-M-CH-HPJP-RTOT-2219**
Name of work with its location: Supply, erection and commissioning of high – pressure jet cleaning facility at various platforms and pitlines of various stations in Thiruvananthapuram
Advertised Value: ₹ 15835464.30
Period fo Contract: 120 days
EMD: ₹ 229200.00
Cost Tender form: ₹ 5900.00
Website Particulars: www.ireps.gov.in
Tender Closing date & Time : 11.00 hrs.on 13.01.2023
Sr.Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Thiruvananthapuram
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Joyce Meyer

NUGGETS ON GOVERNANCE FROM PARLIAMENT

THE THIRD EYE

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EVERY session of Parliament brings with it nuggets on the state of affairs, particularly in the states. The information, when perused and parsed, reveals answers which often trigger questions on the context the collective consciousness dwells in. Here are a few factoids on governance from Parliament.

Like Covid-19 is back in the discourse following the headlines from China. For sure allocation for health is up – from Rs 47,353 crore in 2017-18 to Rs 83,000 crore in 2022-23 plus the Finance Commission grant of Rs 70, 051 crore to local bodies for health infrastructure.

Money though has not eradicated shortage. Of the 74,813 posts for doctors sanctioned for 11 major hospitals and institutes across the country managed by the Centre, 30,512 are vacant – mostly in the new AIIMS hospitals outside Delhi. India currently has 13,08,009 allopathic doctors (and 5.6 lakh Ayush doctors) for a population of 1.4 billion and two nurses per 1,000 persons.

Like the gaps in capacity are stark in rural India. Over 18,900 posts of doctors are vacant in district hospitals and health centres – 362 in Odisha, 340 in Karnataka and 271 in Chhattisgarh. Also vacant are posts of paramedics, pharmacists and technicians. The promise of converting primary centres into wellness centres is work in progress.

Like the issue of unemployment is a constant in India's political narrative. The paradoxical coexistence of vacant posts and clamour for jobs persists. Citing a report of the Pay Research Unit, the government revealed that 9.79 lakh posts are lying vacant in the departments and PSUs under the Central Government – defence, home, railways, posts and revenue ministries account for over 5 lakh of the vacant posts.

Like the gap in capacity is showing up in the processes and outcomes of the government. In October 2022, the Prime Minister launched a rozgar mela to recruit 10 lakh persons in 18 months. The target is daunted by systemic apathy – despite questions and circulars, in the past five years the central government filled a total of 3.77 lakh posts.

Like it is known that during the pandemic millions of children could not go to school for two years. This week, the government informed Parliament that between 2021-21 and 2021-22 over 20,000 schools have closed down and that the number of teachers has declined by 1.89 lakh across India's schools. This is bound to have grave repercussions on an already broken education system.

Like the success of the skills development programme depends on successful placements. This week the Standing Committee of Parliament for the Ministry of Labour provided a vignette of the uphill task. As of June 30, 2022, of the 3.99 lakh certified candidates trained under the PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana, only 30,599 got placed in jobs. In the previous version (PMKVY 2.0), barely a fourth or 21.32 lakh of 91.38 lakh certified candidates got placements. Meanwhie as of May 2022, out of the 1.99 lakh sanctioned posts of professionals across ITIs in the country, as many as 1.29 lakh posts were lying vacant.

Like success in cleaning up bad loans in banks via the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 is haunted by pendency at the National Company Law Tribunal. Data revealed to Parliament shows 12,871 cases were pending at the NCLT as on October 31, 2022. The data on recovery is fuzzy and dated. As of December 2021, in 44 cases, Rs 2.5 lakh crore out of Rs 7.54 lakh crore has been realised through the IBC process. On Monday the government revealed that in the past five years. Banks wrote off Rs 10,09,511 crore.

Like there is no disputing the need to empower panchayats. The Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan is the flagship scheme. The Standing Committee on rural development discovered panchayats have been starved of funds critical for construction of Panchayat Bhawans, computerization and technical manpower. In 2020-21 only Rs 499.9 crore of the Rs 3337.8 crore approved was released and in 2021-22 Rs 518 crore of Rs 4480 crore approved was released. The reason: non-compliance of norms by state governments.

Like the death of Cyrus Mistry earlier this year highlighted the many vulnerabilities of travelling in India's highways. This week the government was asked for data on number of accidents caused by road engineering defects. The response: The Transport Research Wing of the Ministry of Road Transport 'does not compile road accident data on the basis of road engineering defects.' Why wouldn't black spots be recorded and made public for motorists? Mind you this is a country where over 1.5 lakh persons die in road accidents every year.

Like, the policy of disallowing vehicles older than 15 years to ply on India's roads is a political hot potato given the implication on cost of owning new vehicles. In November 2022, the government issued a notification prohibiting the renewal of registration of all government vehicles older than 15 years. The number of vehicles likely to be scrapped: approximately 1.28 lakh. It begs the question: how many vehicles do governments own? Meanwhile, the decision to scrap vehicles has been left to the departments!

Finally, here is wishing the very best for the New Year. We live in interesting times.

WHY CONGRESS-MUKT BHARAT IS NOT A MUKTI

OPINION

A SURYA PRAKASH
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THE stunning victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Gujarat Assembly elections and the complete decimation of its rivals have surprised even the most optimistic supporters of that party. The party's vote share of 52.50 per cent is unparalleled in state or national elections and is proof of the soaring popularity of prime minister Narendra Modi in his home state. Apart from Gujarat, the people of Himachal Pradesh have elected a Congress government dislodging the ruling BJP, and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has wrested power in the Delhi Municipal Corporation.

While all three parties are in a celebratory mood, this is also the time for quite a reflection as the results hold out critical lessons for each of them.

First, the BJP will need to re-examine the efficacy of its slogan 'Congress-Mukt Bharat' seriously. Is it in the party's interest to completely decimate the Congress? More importantly, is it in the country's interest to see the demise of India's Grand Old Party?

Given the terrible record of the Congress Party on many fronts, including its pseudo-secular policies, corruption and poor governance record, the BJP said its goal was to "eliminate" the Congress. Initially, this seemed an ambitious and worthy goal for the party, but the BJP seems to have forgotten that nature abhors a vacuum. If the Congress were to vacate its place as the principal opposition, some other party was sure to step in and take its place, and that party may turn out to be far more toxic than the Congress Party from a national viewpoint. And this is exactly what is happening in some states like Delhi, Punjab and Telangana, to name a few, where the ruling parties are doling out freebies to voters, unmindful of its impact on the national economy.

One may ask: Why should this be a problem for anybody? The problem lies in the reckless poll promises being made by parties in election after election. For example, AAP promised women aged 18 and above in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Rs 1000 per month if voted to power, as it did in Punjab. What is the logic behind this dole, which smacks of outright bribery and what is the impact of such rash promises on the state's coffers? Similarly, as in Punjab, the party had promised 300 units of free electricity to every household in Gujarat, free water for farmers and a fixed salary of Rs 10,000 per month for every Sarpanch. Providing free electricity to every household in Punjab is costing the state Rs 1800 crore, and the freebies promised in Punjab smack of irresponsibility given the fact that the state is severely debt-ridden and has an accumulated debt of about 2.70 lakh crores and spends 20 per cent of its annual revenue on paying interest on the loans that it has taken!

This is a trend that needs to be curbed as otherwise, democracy will be reduced to a farce as each political party will compete with another to bribe the voters with such offers.

With its vote share touching 13 per cent in Gujarat, AAP is now a "national party", having obtained six per cent votes in four states – Delhi, Punjab, Goa and Gujarat and is openly claiming to occupy the space vacated by the Congress. The BJP needs to seriously ponder over the implications of this for national politics and the national economy. The Congress Party has many seasoned political stalwarts, and with the Nehru-Gandhis taking a step back, the party appears to be ready to address the issue of "parivarvad". All this should give the BJP some points to ponder.

The poll results also have a lesson for the Congress. As the people know, some significant developments within this party preceded these elections in the three states. The first was that the party got a President from outside the Nehru-Gandhi family after 25 years when Mallikarjun Kharge was elected to that office in October last. The second, very important development was that the Nehru-Gandhis virtually stayed away from campaigning in the three states.

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Rahul Gandhi remained focussed on his Bharat Jodo Yatra, did not campaign in Himachal Pradesh and held just two meetings on one day in Gujarat. Priyanka Gandhi campaigned for the party in Himachal Pradesh by addressing some meetings, but the family members did not lead the campaign. The Congress campaign in Himachal Pradesh was entirely driven by local leaders talking about local issues like the restoration of the old pension scheme etc. There was no talk of Savarkar or the Sangh Parivar and the British Raj or other esoteric issues Rahul Gandhi is often known to raise in his public meetings. On the other hand, state Congress president Pratibha Singh, the widow of the popular state leader Virbhadra Singh, the newly elected chief minister Sukhvinder Sukhu and others led from the front and campaigned vigorously along with other state leaders. Thus, the Congress campaign was largely state-centric, and the party's victory was, in a sense, the people's posthumous expression of gratitude for Singh, who held the office of chief minister of the state on several occasions for a total of 21 years.

There is a clear message in the Himachal verdict for the Congress Party and the Nehru-Gandhis. Minimal Interference in state units, respect for the vote-getting abilities of state leaders, and focus on stater-related issues during elections is certain to yield better results, especially when the family had lost the power to pull votes as it did when Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi were at the helm.

We now come to the Aam Aadmi Party. The lesson for AAP is that offering freebies recklessly can be ruinous for the national economy. Secondly, it must stop bragging about itself. In a TV interview, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal claimed that the BJP would not get more than 20 seats in the Delhi Municipal Elections and wrote it down on a piece of paper and handed it over to the anchor of the programme. The BJP's tally was 104 seats as against AAP's 134! He also claimed with a similar flourish that AAP would form the government in Gujarat! All this shows a complete detachment from reality and smacks of pompous behaviour and arrogance.

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BOOMERS VS GEN Z: DEBATE ON MENTAL HEALTH

OPINION

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SO, the story goes something like this- a much revered and decorated Indian ex-cricketer Kapil Dev terms "pressure" and "depression" as an American phenomenon, an exotic entity -foreign to the Indians like him and furthermore goes on to say, "AC school main padhte ho, maa-baap fees detey hain, teacher aap ko haath nahin laga sakta, aur aap ko pressure hai?" (You study in an air-conditioned school, your parents pay your fees, the teacher can't lay a hand on you, and you complain about pressure!). At this, many gen Zs and millennials online take deep offence and do what they do best- incessantly troll him over the internet and call him names, mostly ageist slurs. Many wrote sermonic articles and blogs explaining how the boomers (of which Kapil Dev is one) have little or no understanding of the myriad mental pitfalls and vagaries that beset the path of the contemporary youth. All this started with the question of modern cricketers feeling a lot of "emotional pressure" due to IPL and the constant scrutiny because of it. So, let us delve deeper into this "coming of age" issue and the contextual play herein.

Yes, it was a foot-in-the-mouth moment for the legendary cricketer when he seemingly trivialised mental health issues by referring them as part of the American lexicon insinuating weak mindedness or simply too much softness and coddling on the part of Indian cricketers who put down poor performances to overwhelming pressure to perform or depression and mental fatigue. And no. Mental health issues can't be willed away and trivialised anymore in India, considering about 5-8% of Indians have either suffered or are suffering from depression and such issues. And an ever-increasing rate of self-harm and suicides in India requires an "all hands on deck" approach to tackle this raging hellfire. The sooner we realise that suffering caused by poor mental health is inevitably real and punishing, the better our chances of managing it effectively. That the millennials and boomers are aware of this all and are vocal about it augurs well for the long, arduous road ahead.

There have been several top-notch athletes worldwide, including cricketers who have stepped down or taken a break from their respective sports citing major or minor mental health issues-- from gymnast Simone Biles and tennis player Naomi Osaka to cricketers like Jonathan Trott and Ben Stokes. Various premier-level athletes take time off their sports, citing personal and other not-so-clear reasons. These athletes on break have gone back to their drawing boards, sought help and come back the same brilliant specimens, if not even stronger- their various lucrative contracts and endorsements notwithstanding. This phenomenon in Indian athletes, including cricketers, was conspicuous by absence till a certain Virat Kohli comes along who likes to wear his heart on his sleeve and is quite vocally up front on these often-skirted issues. He's very much in sync with the current generation of millennials and is fervently admired and defended by the same lot no matter what or who he's up against. He has expressed that his recent poor run of form has much to do with playing under much pressure and underconfidence.

Learning a trick or two from their seniors, others around him have often sought refuge for their underwhelming performances under the loosely defined stress and pressure syndromes. According to these idolaters, any and every form of stress or pressure mentioned by their "demi-gods" amounts to depression. Of course, these same athletes should get the long rope and all the help they need because they suffer from such calamitous conditions. Of course, you never strike a man when he's already down. But these are the same athletes who cite mental health issues for their poor performances playing for the country but are very willing to play in the much more rewarding IPL. Even Kohli, who has taken breaks from international cricket due to mental health issues and stress, doesn't miss an IPL match or a sponsorship campaign unless he's physically injured. It's not that they don't have options to choose from. Take a break from IPL, cut back from the relentless drive to succeed, seek help, and do whatever restores and replenishes your mind and spirit. But what these cricketers do is keep pushing themselves for big money, and the instant fame IPL brings. And if you perform poorly, you can always blame the "stress" and "pressure".

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So, where are we heading in this matter? There's a lesson for everyone involved in this media furore. The boomers need to make a little effort and understand that mental illness isn't just a glib term to mask laziness and failures. Also, that poor mental conditioning can have debilitating effects on anyone's physical performance. A healthy body can't function without a healthy mind. On the other hand, the gen-Z and the millennials need to understand that some stress and pressure in any field is a given and helps boost creativity and performance (read the Yerkes- Dodson law). The issue remains of finding the right balance. Also, by loosely using terms characteristic of serious mental conditions, they are co-opting and undermining the severity of these issues and making a mockery of the real patients. By aligning their temporary feelings of stress and lack of form with those suffering from mental health conditions, they are footing these already stigmatising issues. There's a wide chasm between being distressed and being diseased. We need a more nuanced and fine-tuned narrative of mental illness that caters to people who need help. And yes, feelings don't trump logic, just as our heroes are not infallible.

QUOTE CORNER

This is far and away the most dangerous thing we've attempted. It all comes down to one thing: the audience. I had about six seconds once I departed the ramp to pull the chute and I don't want to get tangled in the bike.

Tom Cruise, American actor

I will resign as CEO as soon as I find someone foolish enough to take the job! After that, I will just run the software & servers teams

Elon Musk, CEO, Twitter

In prison, you are a nobody. You are just a number. Mine was A2923EV. I think I have rediscovered the person in me that I once was. I have learned a hard lesson, a very expensive one, a very painful one. But the whole thing has taught me something important and good. And some things happen for a reason

Boris Becker, German tennis player

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Debates are a must

The editorial 'Shrinking space for Parliament debates bad for democracy' (Dec 24) rightly pointed out a drawback in our present system. Hardly do we see any opposition from the members of the ruling party to an official bill. As the opposition party opposes all the bills, usually their criticism goes unnoticed. Sometimes biils are passed without any discussion. Usually, our political leaders do not promote debates on bills. Debate is the soul of democracy. Any dearth of it will ruin our system.

J Jacob, email

The China riddle

The column 'Steering clear of the mythical dragon's trap' (Dec 23) makes for interesting reading. It depicts the nuances of the intricate relationship between India and China. It is well known that China possesses a heavy purse and India is not in a position to counter the dragon's influence over our neighbours. The only way out for India is to nurture its democracy, diplomacy, bilateralism and multilateralism with other countries. In order to wean away the neighbours, India must act as a good samaritan, value their independence and be sincere in dealing with others. Their support for India would act as a counterbalance against China.

AM Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Corruption at high places

The Enforcement Directorate has attached a benami asset worth Rs 55 crore allegedly belonging to DMK MP A. Raja in Coimbatore district under the anti-money laundering law. When the offence is so glaring, the Prevention of Corruption Act against a public servant deserves to be taken to prosecute the offender. The seasoned spectrum player needs to be checkmated.

AP Thiruvadi, Chennai

Institutional autonomy

Ref. to 'Apathy for institutional autonomy' (Dec 24). It is true the autonomy of institutions such as the judiciary, EC, CAG and the CBI should be ensured for the healthy functioning of democracy. Dilution of autonomy creates indignation. But those airing such indignation are selective. For upholding the Constitution, judges were superseded during the Indira Gandhi regime, which was papered over by many intellectuals.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Covid paradox

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reiteration that 'Covid-19 is not over yet' must be taken seriously. The BJP has asked the Congress to suspend the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra undertaken to fight the pandemic of religious hatred. The government cannot be selective in asking leaders to adhere to Covid-appropriate behaviour or implementing the guidelines.

G David Milton, Maruthancode

Ýatra and Covid norms

The contempt with which the Congress party has treated the government's advisory on the wearing of masks and maintaining social distancing during 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', needs to be deprecated. Congress has alleged the government wants to block the yatra as it is afraid of its popularity. However, Covid protocols have to be followed. A mark of defiance does not behove a party which was in power for about six decades. Spewing hatred against the BJP and the RSS also goes against the grain of the yatra whose main purpose appears to promote "love."

K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Debates in Parliament

The most deplorable state of affairs with regard to the way our Parliament is run these days has been aptly captured in your editorial 'Shrinking space for Parliament debates bad for democracy' (Dec 24). With the space for debates gradually shrinking, it's the ruling party that will lose respect among informed voters. The party in power should shed false prestige and take steps towards fewer disruptions in Parliament.

Geetha BK, Mangaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
The unemployed youth of the country are frying mirchi pakoras, and the Prime Minister is following the instructions of 'friends'.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
When asked if TMC was using WB Police to save Anubroto, accused in cattle smuggling case, TMC leader said, "Yes. We will do everything to save him."

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
After Babri Masjid judgement, I'd said that it'll embolden Sangh Parivar's mischiefs. Now, ... a commissioner will examine evidence inside Mathura Idgah.

Modi accuses past govts of slave mentality

Blames them for denying India to achieve its ancient glory in education, NEP is changing learning process

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

PM Narendra Modi addresses 75th 'Amrut Mahotsav' of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul

THE Prime Minister lamented the neglect of education and the duty to revive the glory of the ancient Indian education system in the immediate aftermath of independence. Accusing previous government, PM said that where earlier governments, faltered national saints and acharyas took up the challenge.

PM Modi, who was addressing the 75th 'Amrut Mahotsav' of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul at Rajkot via video link On Saturday, said "When the country became independent, it was our responsibility to revive the pride of India in the field of education, but under the pressure of the mentality of slavery, the governments did not do anything in that direction."

The PM also said that through the new National Education Policy (NEP), a forward-looking and futuristic education system was being created in India for the first time. the number of premier educational institutions like IITs, IIMs, and medical colleges in the country increased substantially after 2014, the year when his government came to power at the Centre for the first time.

Modi said, "Education will play a crucial role in development of New India. Be it educational infrastructure or the New Education Policy, we are transforming the education sector at a rapid pace."

Referring to the Indian tradition of treating knowledge as the highest pursuit of life, the PM said that when other parts of the world were identified with their ruling dynasties, Indian identity was linked with its gurukuls.

Hailing India's ancient 'gurukul' (residential schooling) system of education, the prime minister said knowledge has been the highest purpose of life in the country, and added that saints and spiritual leaders helped revive the country's lost glory in the field of education.

"Our gurukuls have been representing equity, equality, care, and a sense of service for centuries," he added. The Prime Minister also highlighted the gender equality and sensitivity of the Indian ancient gurukul system saying, "When the world didn't even realise what gender equality was, our civilisation had women thinkers like Gargi, Maitreyi and Atreyi," he said.

PM remembered Nalanda and Takshshila as synonyms with India's ancient glory. "Discovery and research were an integral part of the Indian lifestyle. From self-discovery to divinity, ayurveda to adhyatm (spirituality), social science to solar science, from maths to metallurgy, and from zero to infinity, research, and new conclusions were drawn in every field," he said. PM said, "India, in that dark age, gave humanity rays of light that paved the way for the world's journey of modern science."

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> PM Narendra Modi

The PM also urged the students of Gurukul to travel to Northeast India for a minimum of 15 days and connect with the people to further strengthen the nation. "I personally recommend that every citizen pay a visit to the North East for at least 15 days, understand the N-E culture and write about their varied heritage," said the PM.

The ideal citizens and youths raised on a better education system will work to realise the dream of a developed India in 2047 when India celebrates a century of independence. The efforts of institutions like Sri Swaminarayan Gurukul will certainly be vital, he said. Modi urged Swaminarayan Gurukul to send 100-150 volunteers to north-eastern states for 15 days every year and meet youths there, introduce themselves and write about them.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the five-day Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. "Shri Dharmajivandasji Swami founded it in 1948. There are more than 40 locations for the Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan worldwide," he said.

CHARLES SOBHRAJ

SERPENT WHO USED SKILLS TO KILL AND EVADE GRIP OF LAW

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

SOURAV ROY

A Sunday afternoon. March 16, 1986. Few top officials, guards and some prisoners of Tihar Jail were enjoying *pethas*, grapes and cream along with the most popular and famous inmate Charles Sobhraj. He said it was his birthday. In the next few minutes, those who consumed the stuff fell unconscious. Sobhraj walked out of India's most heavily guarded high-profile jails around 2.40 pm, along with two guests who got the party goodies 20 minutes back, and drove off in white ambassador car.

Despite multiple crimes committed in India including the alleged murder of an Israeli man in Varanasi and a French tourist in Delhi, Sobhraj was found guilty of only a robbery attempt. For which he was sentenced to 12 years of jail. Around the time of escape, Sobhraj was nearing the completion of his 12-year jail term and was awaiting to get extradited to Thailand. There, he was to be executed for the drug and murder crimes he had committed under the strict Thai rules. So, he planned his escape from Tihar and get arrested again, so that his jail term gets extended and the Thailand extradition is thwarted. His plan worked. In the next 20 days, he was rearrested in Goa celebrating his actual 42nd birthday. His jail term was extended by 10 years.

Born in Saigon in 1944 to a Vietnamese mother and Indian father, he saw his parents separated soon after his birth. His mother married a French soldier, and moved to France.

Sobhraj always came across as a handsome and charming conman. He had a colourful life with multiple girlfriends and many were also his partners in crime. He was jailed for the first time for burglary in 1963. He soon became infamous as a criminal and due to multiple escapes from prisons across the globe, he earned the name "the Serpent".

While Sobhraj admitted to have killed at least 12 persons between 1972 to 1976, he never disclosed the reasons why he did so. He is said to have terminated his victims by overdosing them with chems and narcotics, then drowning some, let some tobleed after stabbing, or setting them ablaze, sometimes alive in drugged state.

The first person he killed was a Pakistani taxi driver in 1972. He had killed six victims in Thailand, including an American tourist, two French nationals, a Dutch couple and a Turkish man. The American woman he had killed was found in a swimsuit floating off Pattaya beach. The case earned him the nickname "the Bikini Killer."

Investigators say Sobhraj primarily targeted foreigners. In many occasions, he acquired his victims' identity using his picture on their passports and travelled the world and evaded the law. His killings came to light around 1976 following the disappearance of a Dutch backpacking couple. Days after their disappearance, two charred bodies were found on the streets of Ayuthya, the ancient capital of Thailand, which turned out to be that of the missing couple. Probe led investigators to a French gem dealer - Alain Gautier who the couple had visited as per their travel notes to friends and kin.

It also turned out that Gautier was in possession of multiple passports and those were of people who went missing from Thailand. It subsequently came to light that Alain Gautier was one of the multiple identities that Sobhraj had used over many years. Even when he was arrested, he escaped authorities, claiming he was an American citizen using a passport which belonged to one of his victims.

An Interpol notice was issued against him and it led to his arrest on July 5, 1976, in India. He used his knowledge of law to draft petitions for wealthy inmates in jail. He spent his earnings to bribe guards and have a lavish living in jail.

After his release in 1997 from India, he was allowed to go to France where he earned a fortune by selling book and movie rights of the story based on his life for $15 million. Several books and television series on his life are now available on various platforms.

It is unknown how many people Sobhraj has killed. He was convicted for only two killings during his life, for which he was facing life imprisonment in Kathmandu, Nepal. And now he is free!

NEWSMAKER

BRO speeds up infra build-up along LAC after China skirmish

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN the process to counter China's aggressive behaviour towards the LAC Border Roads Organisation is executing fast infrastructure build up towards the connectivity towards Northern borders including Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

The BRO's Project Brahmank on Saturday completed the 45m long PSC Simar Bridge on Migging Tuting Road in a remote border location of Arunachal Pradesh in just 180 days, depicting high quality of leadership and teamwork. Also another critical axis leading to the strategic area of Yangtse has been completed in record time. Yangtse is the same place where the Chinese PLA troops clashed with the Indian Army in their bid to occupy the important Yangtse Plateau. The incident led to injuries on both sides.

BRO's Project Swastik has constructed Samdong Bridge on Lachen- Kalep Road in Sikkim, also in the Eastern Sector of the LAC. A 30m long PSC box girder bridge will provide vital connectivity to our troops and locals alike. The bridge will be dedicated to the Nation along with other 27 infrastructure projects by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on 27 Dec 2022.

Keeping the significance of the critical infrastructure towards the Northern Borders the senior officials are out to take stock of the work and are giving briefings. The BRO is in process to complete 27 infrastructure projects which are planned to be dedicated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on 27 December. It includes important bridges in Ladakh, Kashmir and in the Eastern Sector of the LAC.

PKH Singh, ADG Border Roads Organisation (East) inspected the Sela Tunnel Project works on 20 Dec 2022. He travelled on the final alignment of the project which was completed only a few hours before his arrival. He is also inspecting all other critical roads of west Kameng and Tawang during his current tour to the area. The construction works of the Sela Pass tunnel will also be completed in July 2023 giving all weather connectivity to the strategic area of Tawang.

Millets on wheels: Railways dishes out healthy delicacies

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
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NOW, the passengers travelling by the Vande Bharat train between Gandhinagar and Mumbai have started relishing meals made with nutritious millets onboard. The introduction of the meal has come as part of the central government's move to promote millets as part of 2023 being celebrated as the "International Year of the Millets".

According to railway sources, the low calorie millet-rich regional dishes being served in the train are fascinating the passengers. "To mark 2023 as the International Year of Millets, the Indian Railways is serving millet enriched high-end delicacies suitable to the taste buds of esteemed clientele on the Gandhinagar Capital- Mumbai Central Vande Bharat express," said a senior official of the Railways.

Almost all verities of millets-enriched regional delicacies are said to have been introduced. Sources said that the millet menu will be introduced in other premier trains and other five other Vande Bharat trains as well. "The introduction the millet menu is an effort to celebrate country's indigenous meals and it will certainly be appealig to passengers who often crave for such dishes and are not able to ge them," said a senior Railway official. He added that simlar menu will also be soon part ofthe services in other premier express trains like Tejas Rajdhani express.

The Gandhinagar-Capital-Mumbai Vande Bharat express train was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on whose initiative the UN has declared the 2023 as the International Year of Millets. This rake of Vande Bharat train covers distance of 519 km between Gandhinagar and Mumbai.

Apart from the Vande Bharat trains, the Indian Railways runs 24 pairs of Rajdhani express trains, connecting almost all major cities of the country with the national capital.

More than 15 to 20 lakh passengers would be able to have taste of meals of millets daily in the country, if the new menu is introduced in all these trains. According to an official figure, 1,201 super fast trains are running, including Shatabadi express and others, in the country. "One can imagine what a big opportunity would it be to popularise the millets-made meals across the railways, introducing across the super fast trains," remarked a railway official.

Security at 202 stations vulnerable, says minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AROUND 202 railway stations in the country have been identified as 'sensitive and vulnerable' from security and safety point of view. It was revealed by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in Parliament.

Among them, 24 stations of Kolkata Metro have also been included and identified 'sensitive' by the Railways. Other stations are New Delhi, Hazarat Nizamuddin, Delhi Cantt, Ajmer, Patna, Surat, Lucknow, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Bikaner, Chennai Central, Haridwar, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Anand Vihar, Puri, Visakhapatnam, Sealdah, Ballygunge, Lokmanaya Tilak Terminus and Thane have also been identified as 'sensitive' among country's other stations.

According to an official data, the Northern Railway has the highest number of 38 sensitive stations. The Western Railway zone has 33 sensitive stations and major among them are Surat, Marine drive, Mumbai Central, Bandra terminus, Borivali, Vadodara, Godhra, Ujjain and Ahmedabad.

Allahabad HC reserves verdict on OBC quota in urban body elections

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court on Saturday reserved its verdict on the issue of urban local body polls due in Uttar Pradesh this year end.

The bench had restricted the state Election Commission from announcing the notification of the polls.

The division bench, comprising Justice DK Upadhyay and Justice Saurabh Lavania, completed the hearing on the bunch of PILs challenging the OBC reservation fixed by the state government in wards, mayoral and municipality chairman seats.

On Saturday, when the court decided to continue the hearing in the petitions over civic polls despite the commencement of winter vacations, petitioners' lawyer LP Mishra addressed the court at length. Thereafter, Additional Chief Standing Counsel Amitabh Rai argued the matter in detail on behalf of the state government. Rai said that the rapid survey was as good as that of triple test formula.

'4 mayor seats reserved without triple test norm'

The division bench completed the hearing on the bunch of PILs challenging the OBC reservation fixed by the state government in wards, mayoral and municipality chairman seats. Petitioners say the government has reserved 17 mayoral seats for OBC without following the triple test norm.

The common refrain of the petitioners was that the state government had reserved four of the 17 mayoral seats for OBC without following the triple test norm.

In fact, mayoral seats in Aligarh, Mathura-Vrindavan, Meerut and Prayagraj are reserved for OBC. While Aligarh and Mathura-Vrindavan have been reserved for OBC women, latter two for the OBC candidates.

During the course of hearing, the state government submitted that the it had decided the proposed OBC quota in Urban Civic Bodies on the basis of the survey conducted by it ahead of 2017 urban local body elections in the state.

The state government also claimed that 2017 survey could be considered as the basis for the proposed quota in urban civic bodies currently as it had adhered to the apex court's mandate of triple test in 2017 while fixing the quota issue.

While reserving its order on Saturday, the bench prima facie seemed reluctant to accept the plea of the state government. The final order over the petitions will be delivered on December 27.

C'garh denies transit to NMDC iron-ore freights

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CONGRESS-ruled Chhattisgarh government, in a major action against the central public sector enterprise National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), denied the transit permit (TP) leading to halting of iron ore transportation in Dantewada, south Bastar, about 450 km from Raipur.

The move taken by the state forest department led the loaded rail rakes and hundreds of trucks coming to a standstill at Kirandul and Bacheli the entire day as the transit permit passes for iron ores were turned down on the ground that the mining giant NMDC should first settle the "pending royalty amount ₹ 144 crore to Chhattisgarh".

Around 7-8 rail rakes besides hundreds of lorries transport iron ores daily from the two iron-ore complexes operated by the Navratna mining enterprise in Dantewada.

Having worked for 40 yrs, our hard earned money will be lost: Tea worker

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"ONE worker toiling from morning to evening can pluck about 30kg of leaves. During off-seasons when the availability of tea leaves in the market drops, our produce fetches up to ₹15 to ₹20 per kg. During normal seasons, however, the returns are a mere ₹10 to 13 per kg," Lakshmi Balram, one of the workers told *TNSE*.

If the profit for agents who procure the leaves from workers and the monthly subscription of unions are excluded, each worker makes a measly ₹5,000 a month from the sale of tea leaves. If a worker falls ill or he/she is not able to work, they have to employ outside labour at ₹450 a day.

Since this income is not enough to run a family after footing electricity and water bills, most of the adults do other odd jobs to make ends meet. "Life is miserable here. The condition of the houses is so bad they could collapse on us anytime. I have worked for the company for 40 years. If we leave the estate, our hard earned money will be lost," Ganesh said.

Even though the Plantation Labour Act, 1951, and the Kerala Plantation Labour Rules, 1959, mandate provision of drinking water, hospitals, housing, schools, canteen, creches, recreational facilities, holidays, sickness allowance apart from bonus, gratuity, provident fund, holiday wages and maternity benefit, these benefits are but a distant dream for the workers. According to labour department sources, around ₹13 crore of workers' gratuity is pending with owners. This includes the dues of around 500 workers who have not yet filed applications with the labour department.

"The department had issued an order determining the gratuity of as many as 890 workers of PTC, who filed applications, which amounts to around ₹8 crore," Deputy Labour Commissioner (Kottayam) Firoz P M told *TNSE*. "This is for the period from when the estate was closed down to 2015. However, the high court last Tuesday stayed the order, while asking the management to deposit the gratuity dues till 2000," he said.

"I am yet to receive the HC order, but we will take further steps based on the directive," Firoz added. A senior official who has served both on the plantation and the labour department told *TNSE* that reopening the estate will improve the condition of workers.

"However against the backdrop of the tea industry facing setbacks due to lower profits, the chances for such a move are minimal. Still, the department is taking all possible efforts to ensure that workers get the benefits they deserve," he added.

COP SUSPENDED

A police constable in Madhya Pradesh's Harda district was suspended after a video purportedly showed him taking off his uniform and throwing it on road apparently in an inebriated condition

4 BOOKED FOR FORCING MINOR INTO PROSTITUTION IN MUMBAI

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Ahmedabad	28	13	Mumbai	30	20
Bhopal	27	12	Panaji	30	21
Jaipur	21	07	Patna	25	13
Amritsar	17	06	Lucknow	23	10
Chennai	30	25	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	28	18	Imphal	24	08
Srinagar	08	-4	Chandigarh	20	07

PUNJAB

Opposition slams govt on appointment of state RERA chairman

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

A political storm has erupted in Punjab following the appointment of former additional chief secretary of Delhi Satya Gopal as chairman of the Punjab Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and another retired IRS officer Rakesh Goyal as the RERA member, as both are reportedly close to the ruling AAP's national convenor and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal.

Opposition Congress, SAD and BJP have alleged that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has "completely sub-let governance" to the AAP leadership and that the CM is nothing more than a puppet, who dances to the tune of his bosses sitting in Delhi. Earlier the party's Rajya Sabha nominations had triggered a similar controversy.

Reacting to the appointments, senior Congress Leader and **Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa** said that he doubted the AAP's intentions. "I have serious doubts that the senior AAP leadership sitting in Delhi has an eye on the profitable businesses of Punjab so that they could amass the party funds, which is perhaps required for the party expansion in other states. Previously, the party had chosen two big businessmen from Punjab for the Rajya Sabha. Reasons for their nominations to the RS are very well known to the Punjabis," he said.

SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal said that it was also shocking that the CM had completely sub-let governance to the AAP high command. "The AAP high command had previously masterminded the Rs 500-crore excise scam by handing over the entire liquor trade in Punjab to its favorites in Delhi. Now it is taking control of the real estate in Punjab," said Badal. Punjab BJP president Ashwani said the fresh appointments showed Kejriwal's hatred of Punjabis. "It appears AAP has doubts in the capabilities of Punjabis. It has proved the Chief Minister of Punjab is Arvind Kejriwal and not Bhagwant Mann and the administration and government of Punjab are being run from Delhi," he said.

'Mother tongue will help raise students' abilities'

Shah says syllabi of technical, medical subjects being translated

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

Amit Shah at the 95th anniversary of Sheth GC High School at Mehsana | EXPRESS

IF a student reads, speaks, and thinks in the mother tongue, it will enhance his reasoning power. His capability to analyze, and research will naturally emerge from within, said Union Home Minister Amit Shah while addressing a gathering at the 95th anniversary of Sheth GC High School at Vijapur city in the Mehsana district of Gujarat on Saturday.

He said work was underway to translate into regional languages the syllabi of technical, medical, and higher education courses. The new National Education Policy (NEP) will make India number one in the education sector in the next 25 years. "The fundamental change in the NEP is to educate students in their mother tongue at the primary and secondary level as far as possible. I am confident in the next few years, all the students in the country will be imparted education in their mother tongue and their mothers will be able to teach them in their language," he said.

Along with this, the syllabi of technical, medical, and higher education are being translated into the mother tongue, Shah said. Medical education in Bhopal was being imparted in Hindi after the translation of the syllabus of the first semester, he added.

"Higher medical education courses will begin in Gujarati, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, and Bengali. From there, India will begin to contribute significantly to research and development," he said. Shah said a person is able to have original thinking only when the subject he is pursuing is taught in his mother tongue. "The new education policy will help provide a platform for a child's inherent capacities like in art and music," he said.

Contrasting the NEP against the colonial British rule, Shah said: "Under the British education policy for pre-Independent India, rote learning was a sign of intelligence, but students did not have the power to think, research, reason, analyze, decide and understand, which created many issues in the society."

Bihar: BJP in favour of prohibition but against 'police selling liquor'

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

Bihar BJP president on Saturday hit back at deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav for the latter's remark that BJP should clarify whether it wanted liquor ban to be lifted. He said that his party was in favour of prohibition but against police personnel who are selling liquor. State BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal said, "Liquor sales cannot go unchecked without support of the ruling alliance,"

He said that Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, who is also holding the charge of home portfolio, was responsible for the sale of liquor without any license. "I am ready for the blood test but all ministers, MLAs and IAS and IPS officers should also be tested," he said. "If BJP wants liquor ban to be lifted in Bihar, the party should say it clearly," Tejashwi had remarked.

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>
> Sanjay Jaiswal, Bihar BJP president

Meanwhile, police have arrested five accused, including a homeopathic doctor, in connection with the hooch tragedy. Earlier, nine other accused were arrested in the case.

Saran Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar said that the homeopathic doctor identified as Rajesh Singh, a native of Nunnagar Kahi village under Jalalpur block in Saran district had learnt making liquor by mixing homeopathy medicine with some chemicals when he was running a homeopathy shop in Haryana. After he returned to Chhapra, he started selling spurious liquor by pasting labels of leading brands on bottles. He used to supply it across the district with the help of a network of suppliers and bootleggers. Police had seized bottles of homeopathic medicines each having capacity of 450 MLs by conducting raids at Doila village under Isuapur police station area in Saran district.

A special investigation team has been formed to probe hooch tragedy in Saran district, which as per reports claimed lives of 78 people.

Ally RJD slams Bihar govt over SSC paper leak, says it has dented state's image

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

RASHTRIYA Janata Dal (RJD) on Saturday expressed concern over paper leak of clerk grade written examination conducted by Bihar Staff Selection Commission (BSSC) on Friday.

RJD state chief Jagadanand Singh said that the paper leak has sent the wrong message and dented the image of the state.

"*Sarkar ko ispar gambhirta se vichar karna chahiye* (the government should think over it seriously)," he said.

He asked the grand-alliance government led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to make foolproof arrangements so that such incidents don't happen in future. He, however, said that of late such issues are being reported from across the country.

The RJD leader admitted such incidents have its bearing on prospects of bonafide candidates. "Such candidates have to wait for long for their examinations and they suffer a lot for no fault of theirs," he added.

Echoing similar views, CPI-ML legislator Sandip Saurabh said that the personnel posted at BSSC office for more than three years should be transferred immediately.

"The personnel develop nexus during posting at a particular office for a longer period," he added.

Former minister and RJD leader Sudhakar Singh also demanded stern action against officials responsible for the paper leak. He expressed surprise over BSSC authority's lackadaisical attitude towards cancellation of examination.

"Why is there a delay in cancellation of the examination when the authority concerned has admitted that the question papers had leaked before the examination, and were circulated among candidates," he said.

Meanwhile, the Economic Offices Unit (EOU) has initiated a probe into the matter. A team of EOU officials conducted a raid in East Champaran district and arrested a suspect. The suspect is being interrogated by senior officials at an undisclosed location.

> **Not the first time**
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> This is not a new incident in Bihar. Earlier, the question paper of the preliminary examination of Bihar Public Service Commission got leaked and the examination was cancelled.

17 TMC leaders resign fearing wrath over PMAY allotments

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

17 members of the ruling Trinamool Congress-dominated gram panchayat in Murshidabad district, on Saturday, tendered resignation fearing people's anger over the issue of corruption in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) as names of many eligible applicants living in dilapidated mud-huts were axed from the list of beneficiaries.

Sayed Nasiruddin, the chief of Malihati gram panchayat in Bharatpur-II block, with tears rolling down his faces, said, "We are resigning with painful heart as names of many poor villagers, who deserve to be the beneficiaries of the scheme, were removed from the list of applicants. The deprived applicants are living in dilapidated mud-huts. They are crying and we cannot do anything for them. Fearing people's anger, we have decided to go for mass resignation." Bengal is witnessing protests over the issue of corruption in PMAY as names of many TMC panchayat functionaries and their relatives living in palatial houses were found in the list of applicants depriving the poor people. After halting the fund release under the scheme since December 2021 citing irregularities, the Centre recently approved a fund of ₹13,000 crore for building up 11.34 lakh homes for the poor by 2026.

TMC leaders resigned in Murshidabad district on Saturday | EXPRESS

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> State panchayat department official

"This is the first time in the recent past that elected representatives of the ruling party tendered mass resignation in a gram panchayat losing control of the rural body," said an official of the state panchayat department. Monika Das, the deputy chief of the gram panchayat, said they failed to deliver justice to the deserving villagers. "Verifications of the applicants were carried out by special teams formed by the district administration. We had no role to play to decide who will get houses under PMAY," she said after tendering resignation to the local block development officer.

The members of the verification team complained that the TMC satraps mounted pressure on them for keeping their names in the PMAY list. The state government also formed a task force to oversee the process of finalising the list.

CPM's central committee member Sujan Chakrabarty said, "When the preliminary list was prepared, it was under the watch of the panchayat chief. He was aware that genuine people's names were not in the list. Now they have resigned fearing being lynched by the poor people," he said.

Raj PSC paper leak: 40 caught writing answers in bus before exam

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

The 40 people arrested in the PSC paper leak in Udaipur on Saturday | EXPRESS

THE Rajasthan government's tall claims of putting measures in place to stop paper leaks has fallen flat as yet again an examination paper to recruit senior teachers in government schools in Rajasthan got leaked on Saturday morning. At least 40 people were caught while trying to solve the paper in a moving bus near Udaipur just before the exam. The exam will now be held on December 29.

The government quickly cancelled the first paper of the exam in which nearly 4 lakh aspirants had applied. Though the key culprits were arrested later, this is the ninth major exam, conducted by the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC), where incidents of paper leaks have left the state government embarrassed in recent years.

According to sources, the 40 people, who were caught solving papers before the exam in Udaipur, were informed about the paper only Friday night, and they were coming together in the same bus. Among those nabbed, there were about six to seven dummy candidates.

Seven private and government teachers are also said to be present in the bus who had come to help these candidates solve the paper. The leader of the paper leak gang is from Jodhpur area and about ₹5 lakh to ₹8 lakh were taken from each candidate.

However, the Udaipur Police has not yet officially shared complete information in the matter. The ATS and SOG have also started a probe into the matter. On December 26, exams for Sanskrit will be held from 9 am to 11:30am and the examination of Mathematics will be held from 2 pm to 4:30pm. Punjabi subject exam will be held on December 27 from 9am to 11:30am.

CM Ashok Gehlot tweeted: "Today, on December 24, from 9 am to 11 am, the general knowledge test for teacher recruitment has been cancelled as a matter of precedent, so that injustice is not done to any hard-working youth. Rest of the exams will continue as usual."

Local court orders Gyanvapi-type survey of disputed Mathura mosque

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

A local court in Mathura hearing the Sri Krishna Janmasthan-Shahi Idgah dispute case has ordered a survey of the disputed site on the lines of the Gyanvapi mosque survey conducted early this year.

Civil judge Sonika Verma has directed the Amin (a term used to refer to a revenue department official) to survey the disputed site after January 2, 2023 and submit a report to the court by January 20, when the matter will be heard next.

The Mathura court passed the order on a plea filed by Vishnu Gupta of Hindu Sena, who claimed that the survey would be similar to the one in Varanasi's Gyanvapi mosque, where a purported "Shivling" was found.

In his plea, Gupta said that the Shahi Idgah mosque was built at the Krishna Janmabhoomi on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in 1669-70 on the 13.37-acre premises of Katra Keshav Dev temple.

Stone-pelting at Indian labourers on Nepal border, movement affected

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

NEPALESE nationals once again threw stones at Indian labourers in Dharchula on the Indo-Nepal border. One person was reported injured and a JCB machine was damaged. This is the 11th incident of stone-pelting by Nepal in the last two months. Angry with the stone-pelting from Nepalese, Indians have threatened to stop the movement of vehicles from Nepal side on the border.

This time too, stones were pelted on Indian labourers just after the joint inspection and talks between the officials of the two countries. In order to protect Dharchula town and surrounding villages, the Indian side is working to build embankments on the banks of Kali River. The construction of the embankment is being hampered by stone pelting from Nepal. On Friday evening, stones were hurled again from Nepal in Ghatkhola. Nepalis threw stones at labourers constructing embankments at Ghatkhola in Dharchula, breaking window panes of dumpers and JCBs. Dumper driver Danveer Sawant was injured in the attack. A day earlier on Thursday, engineers from Nepal also conducted an on-site inspection along with the local administration. Despite this, there is resentment among Indians due to stone pelting from Nepal.

Construction site where stone-pelting was reported at Nepal border | EXPRESS

> **'Will close the Jhula Bridge: BJP district VP**
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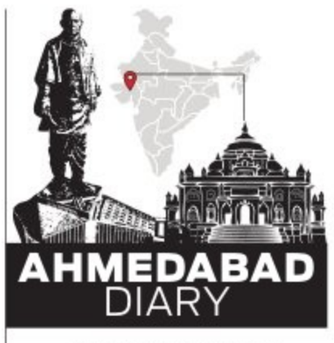
> BJP district VP Mahendra Budiyal said, "The Nepal administration is repeatedly failing to stop stone-pelting incidents. This is affecting the construction work of the embankment being built to protect Dharchula. If Nepal does not take punitive action along with banning the activities of anarchists, the International Jhula Bridge will be closed."

The construction of the embankment has been affected by the incident. There is tremendous anger among the Indian people due to these repeated incidents. Pithoragarh District Magistrate Reena Joshi told The New Indian Express, "A joint survey has been conducted by both sides as a precautionary measure on the incident. A meeting of high-level officials will also be called in the near future."

DM Reena Joshi further said, "The Ministry of External Affairs has sought a report in this incident and they have been conveyed about the actual situation." Earlier also, a labourer was injured in a stone-pelting incident from Nepal.

Indian traders had closed the Jhula bridge in protest against this incident. In view of the tension, officials of the two countries had said to resolve the problem by meeting in mutual coordination.



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RSS to spread its shakhas in Guj districts

RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale and around 300 RSS workers of Saurashtra and Kutch regions will attend a meeting today in Anjar town of Kutch district. The focus will be on establishing shakhas (branches) in each village of the state, RSS functionary said, and Hosabale will be the guide for its expansion. According to RSS officials, The RSS is completing 100 years in 2025, and a target has been set to establish shakhas in every village. This is the first RSS meeting after BJP's grand victory in Gujarat.

Who should be credited for winning Guj polls?

An internal debate is on among state BJP leaders on who is responsible for the victory in Gujarat. Was it PM Narendra Modi and Amit Shah's teamwork? Or state party president CR Patil's organizational work? Or CM Bhupendra Patel's leadership? Sources in BJP informed that there is a race in the party to claim the success of this victory. However, while addressing a program on the completion of 95 years of Seth JC High School in Mehsana on Saturday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah credited Gujarat's victory to the CM. After his statement, rumblings started in the BJP that the victory of Gujarat is finally attributed to whom?

Gujarat ministers yet to get official bungalows

The new MLAs are yet to move into their ministerial residence. There are a total of eight MLAs who have got ministerial posts in the new government. But ministerial bungalows have not been allotted to them as 14 ex-ministers who were dropped from Bhupendra Patel's old government have not yet vacated the bungalows. Already 17 ministers of Former CM Vijay Rupani government have rented these bungalows cheaply in Gandhinagar. Due to this leaders who came to attend the assembly session convened on December 19 and 20, had to stay in the circuit house or hotel. Sources claim that former ministers have been asked to vacate the bungalows at the earliest.

NO LET UP IN RUSSIA ATTACK, KHERSON SHELLED

Kremlin bombing on the eve of Christmas on the southern Ukrainian city kills ten people and injures another 55

KYIV

RUSSIAN shells pummeled the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson on Saturday, killing 10 people and injuring 55 more in the city.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, just back from his quick trip to Washington, posted photos of the wreckage on his social media accounts. He noted the destruction came as Ukrainians were beginning Christmas celebrations that for many Orthodox Christians will culminate in the traditional celebration January 7.

"Kherson. In the morning, on Saturday, on the eve of Christmas, in the central part of the city," Zelensky said on Telegram, publishing images of the attack and calling it "killing for the sake of intimidation and pleasure."

"It is the real life of Ukraine... The world must see and understand what absolute evil we are fighting against," Zelensky said.

Yaroslav Yanushevych, the governor of the Kherson region, said in televised remarks that the number of people killed in the latest shelling of the city has risen from seven to 10. He added that 55 people were wounded, 18 of them in grave condition, including a 6-year-old child.

A woman reacts next to an injured man after Russian shelling to Ukrainian city of Kherson on Saturday which killed ten people | AFP

"There was a first hit at a department store, and a second at the market. People are saying there are a lot of people dead," 38-year-old Leonid Tataryn told *AFP*.

Standing next to her husband's corpse and holding his blood-soaked jacket, a woman cried: "the medics tried (to save him), but there was no pulse." Among the victims was a butcher named Lesha who had been working at the market "maybe for 20 years or more," according to 43-year-old resident Oleksandr Kudryashov.

"He...was standing right here. We pulled his body, he was already dead," Kudryashov told *AFP*, pointing at a bloody staircase.

"While families in Europe, North America, and beyond prepare festive dinners, spare a thought for Ukraine which is fighting evil right now," Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said on Twitter.

Stepne, a settlement on the outskirts of Zaporizhzhia, was also hit by shelling but there were no details on casualties, according to the governor, Oleksander Starukh.

Meanwhile, Turkey conceded on Saturday that Russia's war on Ukraine "will not end easily", despite Ankara's repeated efforts to arrange peace talks between Kyiv and Moscow. NATO member Turkey, has positioned itself as a neutral player and tried to broker a truce. But the continuing war, which entered its 10th month, is dashing Ankara's hopes. "It appears that this war will not end easily," Defence Minister Hulusi Akar told the reporters. *Agencies*

Fire at nursing home in Russia kills 22

MOSCOW

A fire erupted overnight in a private illegal nursing home in the Siberian city of Kemerovo, killing 22 people, Russia's investigative committee said on Saturday.

In a video released by the emergency services, a long row of emergency vehicles lined up outside the burning building, as firefighters tackled flames which sent plumes of smoke into the night sky.

Images released by emergency services showed the building later completely burned out. Russia's investigative committee said it opened a probe into causing death by negligence.

"A fire broke out overnight in a private property used as a nursing home," the investigative committee said, adding that "the death toll has risen to 22".

A previous statement on Telegram had called it an 'illegal' home, but a later version edited the phrase out.

However, a police source quoted by *TASS* also called the home illegal. "Six more were injured, two of them were hospitalised and are in a serious condition with burns," the Telegram statement added. *AFP*

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Bangalore. Date: 24-12-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my Client **Mrs.SAPNA @ SWAPNA**, Daughter of Mrs. R. Nalini and Mr. B.K.Somashekara Rao, Wife of Mr. Sridhar Aswathanarayana, Residing at : No. 64, 36th Main Road, 4th Cross Road, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560 068 is the full and absolute owner by title and in actual possession enjoyment of the property described in the Schedule hereunder. My client represents that she acquired the Schedule Property from her mother Mrs.R.Nalini in terms of a Gift Deed dated 12/04/2018 registered as Document No.336/2018-19 in Book-I and stored in CD.No.CMPD198 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajpet), Bangalore. My Client states that the original of the Gift Deed dated 12/04/2018 as referred to above is either lost in transit or mislaid. Any person/s finding the Original Gift Deed dated 12/04/2018 registered as Document No.336/2018-19 in Book-I and stored in CD.No.CMPD198 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajpet), Bangalore, may deliver the same to the undersigned forthwith. My client has lodged a complaint before the jurisdictional police regarding loss of title deed. Other than my Client if any person/s were to deal with the said original Gift Deed dated 12/04/2018 the same will not be binding on my Client and such person/s will not derive any right, title to or interest and such transaction will be void-ab-initio.

SCHEDULE

All that Property consisting of Ground and First Floors bearing Municipal No.165/1 (PID No. 46-16-165/1) and built on Property bearing No.164, Old No.4, situated at Sir Puttannachetty Road/5th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Ward No.46, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40 Feet 6 Inches and North to South : 44 Feet 3 Inches, in all measuring 1793 Sq. Feet and bounded by:

East : Private Property;
West : 10 Feet common passage from Sir Puttanna Chetty Road;
North : Private Property;
South : Property belonging to Mrs. Sapna @ Swapna.

Sri. K. P. RUPESH KUMAR,
Advocate, "LAW CORP",
No.98/2-27, Mohan Towers,
Residency Road,
Bangalore 560001. Mobile: 9886761765.
Bangalore Dt : 25/12/2022.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

Tender Notice No. CN/10/2022 Dated: 21-12-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time : 14:00 Hrs.**

Sl.	Description in Brief	Qty	Tender Due on
1	4 CORE X 400 sqmm 1100 V grade, Standard Aluminium Conductor Galvanised Steel Strip armoured XLPE Cable etc. **(Tender No : 95225725)**	**1000 Mtrs.**	**09-01-2023**
2	4 CORE X 240 sqmm 1100 V grade, Standard Aluminium Conductor Galvanised Steel Strip armoured XLPE Cable etc. **(Tender No :95225726)**	**3950 Mtrs.**	**12-01-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/564/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23 **Chief Materials Manager, Construction, Bengaluru Cantonment**

S.W.Railways sw_rly SWRRLY southwesternrailway SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client is in the midst of negotiating to purchase all right, title and interest in immovable properties more fully described in the Schedule hereunder written. This public notice is issued for verification of the title of the owners of the said 'Scheduled Properties'.

All or any persons including any banks, financial institutions or any other party or person, having any valid and legal claim, right, title, demand or interest by virtue of any sale, gift, lease, tenancy, license, exchange, partition, mortgage, charge, lien, inheritance, succession, trust, maintenance, possession, easement, agreement, *lis pendens*, stay order, attachment, decree, specific performance or otherwise or any other right of whatsoever nature are required/ called upon to submit / notify their objection/s in writing at the address mentioned below, within ten (10) days from the date of this notice, along with all supporting documents relating to such claim, failing which it shall be presumed that there is /are no claim/s and such claim/s if any, shall be considered to be waived and abandoned in respect of the 'Scheduled Properties'.

'SCHEDULED PROPERTIES'

All that Piece and parcel of the following immovable properties situated in **Tatnahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk** :

S. No.	Survey No	Extent	BOUNDARIES East	West	North	South
1	152/1	10 Guntas	Sy.No. 152/1	Sy.No.153	Road	Sy.No.152/4
2	152/1 (new Sy. No.152/4)	19 Guntas	Sy.No. 150, 151 & 152	Sy.No.154	Sy No.152/1	Sy.No.144/1
3	144/1	27 Guntas	Sy.No. 145	Naala	Sy.No.152/4, 153 & 152	Sy.No.144/2
4	144/2	29 Guntas	Sy.No. 145	Naala	Sy.No. 144/1	Sy.No. 144/3, 144/2 & 144/2B
5	144/2	10 Guntas	Sy.No.144/2B	Sy.No.144/3	Sy.No. 144/2	Sy.No. 142/1
6	144/2B	19 Guntas	Sy.No.140&145	Sy.No.144/2	Sy.No. 144/2	Sy.No. 142/1
7	144/3	20 Guntas	Sy.No.144/2 & 142/1	Naala	Sy.No. 144/2	Sy.No.143
8	142/1	13 Guntas	Sy.No.145	Sy.No.144/3	Sy.No. 144/2 & 144/2B	Sy No. 142/2A1 & Sy No. 143
9	143	13 Guntas	Sy.No. 142/2A1	Naala	Sy.No. 142/1 & 144/3	Sy.No. 142/2A1
10	142/2A1	1 Acre 2.5 Guntas	Sy.No.140	Naala	Sy No.143 & 142/1	Sy.No. 142/2A2 & Sy.No. 142/2B
11	142/2A2	21.5 Guntas	Sy.No.142/2B	Naala	Sy.No.142/2A1	Sy.No.141
12	142/2B	21 Guntas	Sy.No.140	Sy.No. 142/2A2	Sy.No.142/2A1	Sy.No.141

Hence this Notice
Date: 24/12/2022

Saakshya Law, Advocates,
2nd & 3rd Floor, No. 24, 1st Main Road,
Lower Palace Orchards, Sadashivnagar, Bangalore 560 003.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Singasandra Branch ,
No 37/1,Singasandra ,
Hosur Road Bengaluru,
080-25743262 M- 9141421159
email:cb4785@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Singasandra Branch of the Canara Bank , will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **31/01/2023** from 10.30 AM to 12.30 AM for recovery of **Rs.66,95,948.00** as on 22.12.2022 due to Singasandra Branch of Canara Bank from **M/s.Adithya Constructions, Prop. Sri P.N. Venkatanarayanababu and Sri P.N. Venkatanarayanababu,** S/o. P. N. Nagarajaiah.

The reserve price for **Property No. 1** will be **Rs.21,20,000/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) **&** earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,12,000/-** (Rupees Two lakh Twelve Thousand thousand only)

The reserve price for **Property No.2** will be **Rs.21,20,000/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) **&** earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,12,000/-** (Rupees Two lakh Twelve Thousand thousand only)

The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **28/01/2023 at 4 pm.**

Details and full description of the immovable property

1. All that part and parcel of land and building situated at Flat No. 308, 3rd Floor 'E' Towers, Maple Block made by M/s. The Greens situated at Attibele, Anekal Road, Bangalore under Survey No. 33, 35/3, 35/4, 174 of Karpura Village and Survey No 224,184/5 and 189 of Bidargere Village, measuring flat of 750 sq.ft.
2. All that part and parcel of land and building situated at Flat No. 008, Ground Floor 'E' Towers, Maple Block made by M/s. Greens situated at Attibele, Anekal Road, Bangalore under Survey No. 33, 35/3, 35/4, 174 of Karpura Village and Survey No 224, 184/5 and 189 of Bidargere Village, measuring flat of 750 sq.ft.

EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favoring **"Authorised officer, Canara Bank, Singasandra Branch"** OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit to the account number **209272434 – CANARA BANK, Singasandra Branch, IFSC Code: CNRB0004785** on or before **28.01.2023 upto 4.00pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website ***https://indianbankseauction.com*** or may contact **Smt. Sowmya C S. Manager, Singasandra Branch Canara Bank, Ph. No. 25743262, 9141421159,** email:cb4785@canara bank.com during office hours on any working day.OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore, Contact No:9832952602/080-23469665, Email Id: eauction@ccsl.co.in.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 22.12.2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Can Fin Homes Ltd
586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879/41115689 , Mob:7625079131
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

KORAMANGALA BRANCH

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **29.09.2022** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Harish J R & Mr.Ramanna Gowda J S & Mr. T Mahesh Kumar (Guarantor)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.12,83,244/-** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security InterestEnforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **24th day of December of the year 2022.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.12,83,244/-** and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing Site No.33 Khatha No.299 in Converted Sy No.54/4 situated at Kodigehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 45 ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1350 sq ft and bounded on: East by :30 Feet Road, West by :Site No.46, North by: Site No.32, South by: Site No.34.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

Place: Bangalore
Date: 24.12.2022

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.81,33,713/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirteen only)** as on **20-11-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **21-11-2022** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Ossan Preci Mech., No.108, Rajagopalanagara Main Road, Peenya 3rd Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560058. No.2) Mr. Thimme Gowda, S/o. Mr. Hanumantharayappa, No.889, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Vijayananda Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560096. No.3) Mrs. Ramakka, W/o. Mr. Hanumantharayappa, No.889, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Vijayananda Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560096.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Thimme Gowda, S/o. Mr. Hanumantharayappa)

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.108, Assessment No.143, Khatha No.66, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura, Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet in Total 1,200 Sq.ft. together with building constructed thereon and bounded on:- East by - Site No.107, West by - Road, North by - Road, South by - Site No.109.

Reserve Price : Rs.83,00,000/-
(Rupees Eighty Three Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
13-01-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore-R.T. Nagar Branch,** 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Karnataka, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Karnataka, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 23-12-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

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Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Suhas, S/o. Mr. Suresh Babu)

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land vide Conversion Order BDS ALN SR(S) 229/2003-04 dated 29-10-2003 by Special Deputy Commissioner in Sy.No.116/1, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring 1,01,227 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:- Within BBMP Limits. East by - Private Property, West by - Manipal County, North by - Road, South by - Private Property. An undivided share of 509 Sq.ft., comprised in Schedule A Property. Flat bearing No.A 507 in the Fifth Floor of the building complex known as Malibu Enclave being constructed on the Schedule - A property consisting of 2 Bedrooms having super built-up area of 1,273 Sq.ft., with One Car Parking. Boundaries:- East by - Driveway, West by - Staircase and OTS, North by - Corridor, South by - Flat No.510.

Reserve Price : Rs.63,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Three Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
13-01-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore-R.T. Nagar Branch,** 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Karnataka, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177.

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(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Karnataka, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 02.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **03.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 23-12-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

Indian Bank इंडियन बैंक इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

Kalyannagar Branch: No. 806, 5 A Cross, 1st Block HRBR Layout, Kalyannagar, Bangaluru 560 043. Tel: 080-25454186

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical /constructive / Symbolic** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, **Kalyannagar branch, Bengaluru,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **31/01/2023**, for recovery of Rs.78,71,325/- (Rupees Seventy eight lakh seventy one thousand three hundred twenty five only) as on 24/08/ due to the Indian Bank, , Kalyannagar branch, Bengaluru, Secured Creditor, from Mr. Anantha Kumar s/o Rama Murthy Krishnappa and Mr. R Mohan s/o Rama Murthy Krishnappa, residing at No. 2986, 1st A Main, Near Hombe Gowda College, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru 560010 (Name and address of the borrower/guarantor).

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property:	All that part and parcel of the property bearing house No. 2, Khatha No. 55/2, situated at Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli, old Krishnarajapura Hobli now Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore, presently comes under BBMP Mahadevapura (Hoodi) Ward No. 54 limit, measuring East to West: 51.5 feet and North to South: (27.5+28.5)/2 [Eastern side twenty seven point five & western side twenty eight point five] feet, in all total measuring 1442 Sq feet or 133.97 sq. mtr, with 10 square RCC roofed vitrified floored residential building in ground floor and 10 square RCC roofed vitrified floored residential building in first floor, in all totally measuring 20 square residential building with all civic amenities and bounded on East by: Private Property West by: 30 Feet Road North by: Site No. 1, South by: Private Property.
Encumbrances on property	-------
Reserve Price	Rs.64,08,000/- (Rupees Sixty four lakh eight thousand only)
EMD Amount	Rs.6,40,800/- (Rupees Six lakh forty thousand eight hundred only)
Bid incremental amount	Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)
Date and time of e-auction	31/01/2023 at 11.00 am to 4.00 pm
Property ID No	Katha No. 55/2

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '1800102502 6' and '011-41106131'.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**.

Date: 24/12/2022
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank

Bank of Baroda बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा

Branch/Office : **BANGALORE - VIJAYA SAMRUDDHI**
E Mail: vjvsam@bankofbaroda.co.in
Ph: 080-23516368

Ref. No.: BOB/VJVSAM/NPA/HY KREATION/2022-2023 Date: 19-12-2022

NOTICE TO BORROWER
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

To,

1. **M/S. HY KREATIONS FOOD AND CONFECTIONERY PVT. LTD. (BORROWER)** # 481, GROUND FLOOR, 27TH MAIN, SECTOR 2, HSR LAYOUT, BANGALORE – 560102.
2. **MR. JAYASHEEL REDDY GOPAL** **@ MR. JAYSHEEL G, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS (DIRECTOR / GUARANTOR)** **S/O MR. GOPAL REDDY K,**
3. **MRS. SUMITHA KRISHNA REDDY** **@ MRS. SUMITHA KAGED ABOUT 36 YEARS (DIRECTOR / GUARANTOR)** **W/O MR. JAYSHEEL G,** **BOTH 2&3 RESIDENTS OF:** # 3-401, P-02, 4TH FLOOR, PRIME LAKE FRONT, 4TH MAIN, KASTURI NAGAR, BANGALORE – 560043. **PRESENTLY RESIDING AT:** VILLA NO. 232, LAKESHORE HOMES, KASAVANAHALLI, BANGALORE – 560035.
4. **MRS. LAKSHMI P, AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS (GUARANTOR)** W/O LATE MR. N. KRISHNA REDDY RESIDING AT: #88, MYLASANDRA, BEGURE, BOMMANAHALLI, BANGALORE-560068.

Dear Sir/s

Re: Credit facilities with our Vijaya Samruddhi Branch.
A/c No. 147709431000003 [eVB account number] / 74580600000175
[BOB New Account no.] – Rs. 60,00,000.00 [Rupees Sixty lakhs only]

1. We refer to our letter No. 1477/SBM/22752/011/2018-19 dated 05-06-2018 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and Type of Facility	Limit Rs.	Rate of Interest	O/s as on [inclusive of interest upto 19-12-2022]	Security agreement with brief description of securities
Stand up India Loan	₹ 60,00,000.00	11.20%	₹ 48,40,974.65	EMDTD details mentioned below

SCHEDULE –A

Item No.	Survey No / Khata No./ House No./Site No.	Extent / Areas of land / Building	Location/Sub District/Distt. Village/ Municipality	Boundary
01	Property bearing Site No.2, Property No. 493/2, E-Khatha Form No.9 & 11 bearing No. 150300401000120153, Carved out of converted to residential purpose land bearing Sy.No. 192 and Sy.No.193 of Kannurahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.	Measuring East – West:30 ft., or 9.14 mtrs., and North – South:40 ft., or 12.19 mtrs., totally measuring 1200 sq.ft., or 111.42 sq.mtrs. The land is converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide DC conversion order bearing No.ALN.(H)SR 86/2003-04 issued by DC, Bangalore District dated 24.07.2004.	Situated at Kannurahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Now within the limits of Doddagattiganabe Village Panchayath.	East by: Site bearing No.1 West by: Road North by: Vacant Land South by: Site bearing No.33

SCHEDULE –B

Item No.	Survey No / Khata No./ House No./Site No.	Extent / Areas of land / Building	Location/Sub District/Distt. Village/ Municipality	Boundary
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SCHEDULE –C

Item No.	Survey No / Khata No./ House No./Site No.	Extent / Areas of land / Building	Location/Sub District/Distt. Village/ Municipality	Boundary
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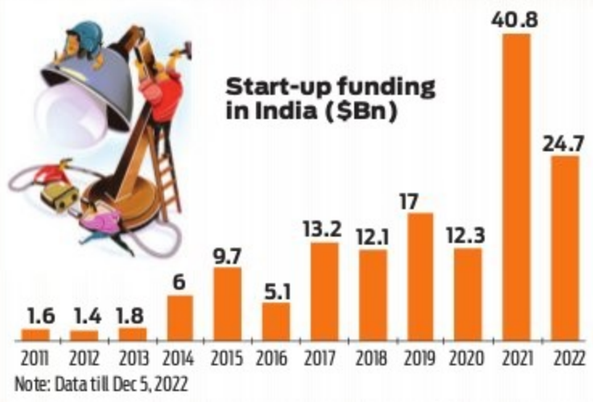
$1 mn grant the Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Intelligence has received from Google.Org

Start-ups see funding winter, layoffs

Indian start-ups raised $24.7 billion in 2022, 40% lower compared to $40.8 bn last year

India start-up ecosystem in 2022: A roundup



Note: Data till Dec 5, 2022

Unicorns in India and across globe

Year	Unicorns Global	Unicorns India	India share in Unicorns
2018	157	8	5.10%
2019	160	9	5.63%
2020	149	13	72%
2021	540	47	8.70%
2022	218	22	10.09%

Note: Data till Dec 5, 2022

India tech snapshot 2022		Change from previous year
Total funding	$24.7 bn	↓ 40%
No. of funding rounds	1849	↓ 36%
No. of Unicorns	22	↓ 51%
No. of IPOs	11	↓ 31%
No. of acquisitions	229	↓ 5%
1st time funded companies	598	↓ 35%

Monthly funding data (in 2022)

4.1 bn Jan-2022	3.7 bn Feb-2022	3.7 bn Mar-2022	2.9 bn Apr-2022
2.2 bn May-2022	2.3 bn Jun-2022	1.2 bn Jul-2022	989 mn Sep-2022
854 mn Sep-2022	1.06 bn Oct-2022	1.53 bn Nov-2022	180 mn Dec-2022

Graphic source: Tracxn

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

WITH funding winter, geo political tensions and challenging macroeconomic conditions, only 22 start-ups have joined the coveted unicorn club in 2022, compared to 47 in 2021.

"Winter will get worse. Get to profitability asap. And then grow from there. Stop all unnecessary spends," Unacademy cofounder Gaurav Munjal tweeted in November. His tweet sums up the whole year. As schools and colleges reopened after the pandemic, many online edtech companies witnessed massive layoffs and job cuts to reduce operational costs.

The funding in the edtech sector has witnessed a significant drop, about 39%, in 2022 compared to last year. According to market intelligence firm Tracxn report, about 70% of funding is made up of five $100+ million rounds raised by edtech firms Byju's, Upgrad, LEAD School and PhysicsWallah.

Catching cold in funding winter

The report also says that in 2022, Indian start-ups have raised a total of $24.7 billion in funds, which is 40% lower compared to $40.8 billion in the previous year. The significant drop in funding is attributed to a decline in late-stage investments, which fell by 45% from $29.3 billion in Jan-Nov 2021 to $16.1 billion for the same period in 2022. Seed stage rounds are currently also experiencing a contraction and have dropped by 38% as compared to the previous year.

"Post-Covid, 2022 was the first year where the world opened up completely for trade, pleasure, business but the slowing economies across the global markets impacted the enthusiasm which was carried forward from 2021. The funding scenario however is not the same as what we saw in 2021, in fact it has slowed down a bit," says Anil Joshi, Managing Partner, Unicorn India Ventures.

He adds that the larger deals are few but the early-stage segment hasn't shown any sign of slowdown except some correction on valuation. "The correction in valuation did slow the funding space but certainly allowed founders to work on sustainability and making themselves ready for funding in 2023. Though 2022 went a bit dull, 2023 is expected to pick up pace on the funding sentiment," Joshi adds. Investors are now more cautious and delve more into profitability along with scale, says Ashutosh Singh, cofounder and COO of Ayekart.

From edtech companies Byju's, Unacademy, Vedantu to Google, Meta and Twitter, many companies fired employees citing restructuring, macroeconomic conditions, among others. In 2022 alone, edtech unicorn Vedantu fired 1,000 employees. Its co-founder and CEO Vamsi Krishna told employees that currently, the external environment is tough. "War in Europe, impending recession fears, and Fed rate interest hikes have led to inflationary pressures with massive correction in stocks globally and in India as well. Given this environment, capital will be scarce for upcoming quarters," he had said.

While Byju's fired 2,500 employees, edtech major Unacademy said it will lay off 10% of its workforce- close to 350 employees. Edtech platform Practically and B2B ecommerce startup Udaan too laid off many employees in 2022.

Though edtech start-ups have been witnessing slowdown, Software as a Service (SaaS) start-ups are continuing to see momentum.

"End-to-end manufacturing cloud solutions will be a major trend in 2023, with cloud technology at the forefront, as new capabilities that enable the securely connecting of people, assets, workflow, and business processes will enable businesses to be more resilient," says Anjan Kalyani, Country Head and Area Vice President, Anaplan India.

No light at the end of the tunnel yet

Will start-ups gain momentum in 2023? "Considering the sustainability and robustness of the Indian economy, 2023 seems to be good and may see some action on funding space. Overall, 2023 would be better compared to 2022," says Anil Joshi of Unicorn India Ventures.

However, experts caution that the first half of 2023 might be difficult in terms of fundraising. Neha Singh, co-founder, Tracxn, says, "The funding winter, which began in Q4 of 2021, will persist in 2023 as well. In order to survive the drought, start-ups are taking unit economics more seriously. Although we are currently experiencing a slump, the situation is prompting start-ups to establish clearer and more sustainable paths to growth, as investors' evaluation metrics begin to emphasise good profitability over growth at all costs."

NEWSCOPE

THE RETURN OF THE UNIONS IN BRITAIN'S WINTER OF DISCONTENT

ONE was given to understand that strikes and industrial action, especially in the womb of the Industrial Revolution, were passe and belonged to another era. Reformed Capitalism, it has been subtly preached, has a way of adjusting pressure points like wages not keeping pace with inflation. The ability for internal reform by 'welfare capitalism' had made collective bargaining by workers redundant.

These theories are in tatters now as a wave of strikes in the United Kingdom (UK) before Christmas has left health services and transport paralyzed. Rising inflation driven by high energy costs has touched double digits but wages are stagnant. This has triggered a spate of strikes in the public sector – a 'winter of discontent' of proportions not seen since the last wave of industrial action in 1976.

This week on Thursday 10,000 ambulance workers walked off their jobs. Earlier, nurses went on strike on the 15th and 20th of December to press for a rise in pay. More strikes are scheduled in January.

Public transport during the busy Christmas season has been virtually paralyzed as the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) has announced it will strike work from 24th to 27th December. Train drivers have also announced strike dates in early January.

Rail workers have been disrupting services for the last few months, but now Royal Mail staff to have decided to strike work before Christmas. A cascading effect can be seen as 100,000 civil servants have voted for strike action, and teachers, junior doctors and University staff are all in the queue to join the walk-outs.

Hardship sparks strikes

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), wages in the UK have fallen most precipitously since 2001 and the public sector is bearing the brunt of this crisis.

While the average pay rise in the private sector was 6.9% in mid-2022, for the public sector wage growth has been just around 2.7%.

This has to be seen in the context of a hyper inflation rate of 11%, which means wages have declined in real terms and the public sector has fared the worst.

The nursing union has not called for a walk-out in its 106 years of existence, and this is the first large collective action since 1990.

This is how desperate their situation is. Besides low wages, poor staffing has led to overcrowded hospitals pushing the nurses to the brink.

NEWSCOPE
GURBIR SINGH

The last General Strike the country saw was almost a century ago in 1926, and a similar wave of wage related walk-outs and industrial action was the 'winter of discontent' in 1976. As strikes by various public sector employees intensify, public opinion is shifting in support of the protestors.

The conservative Rishi Sunak government says the strikes are part of a radical, disruptive movement which will push up inflation. But most Britons are not buying this narrative. According to a recent YouGov poll, people have become more likely since June to support the right to strike by nurses, teachers, and other public sector workers.

There is still suspicion about unions, prevalent since UK's Prime Minister Margaret Thacher broke UK's powerful unions in 1986; but public opinion is now shifting.

Sunak takes a hard line

It current rash of strikes as a sudden development. The crisis in Britain's public services has been building up over the last two decades under various Tory governments.

It started with the Prime Minister David Cameron scripting his "age of austerity" by reducing government spending in the 2007-09 period. Between 2010-13, to tackle huge budget deficits, the Tory government cut public spending by £14.3 billion compared with 2009–10. The tight-fisted approach has continued till today reducing funding to community schools, senior citizens and other safety nets on which the UK's 'welfare state' is built.

Toeing the same line, the Rishi Sunak government has taken a hard stand on wage concessions arguing that meeting union demands would cost billions of pounds and "lock in inflation for an even longer period of time".

On one ground, there is no progress on negotiations. The RMT rail union has rejected a 9% offer from Network Rail saying it is to low. Likewise, the Nurses have demanded a 19% wage rise but the government has only accepted a 4.75% increase for NHS staff and ambulance workers based on a Pay Review Committee recommendation.

SOURAV ROY

Meanwhile, the Tory Party is baying for fresh laws to make it difficult for employees to launch strike action.

Tory MPs have also questioned their government on why it has failed to keep the railways running during the strike period. They have demanded government push ahead with legislation to prevent transport shutdowns introduced 3 years ago in Parliament, but stalled since.

The deteriorating financials of the government with the Ukraine war has only hardened the battle lines, and an early negotiated settlement looks difficult.

In all likelihood, the 'winter of discontent' will probably spill over into January. More significantly, collective action and trade unions – once relegated to history – seem to be making a comeback and have to be now reckoned with.

RBI intervention, foreign fund inflows hold rupee from sliding past 83 mark

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COULD rupee breach the 83-mark against the US dollar again in 2022 as it had shed some value since the start of the month and is precariously close to the 83 mark at 82.86?

The rupee has been stuck in a range of 82.5-83 for over a fortnight. The Indian currency has fallen by 2% against the US dollar in December, but has not breached the 83-mark again after 20 October.

Experts believe that despite equity markets globally falling

on concerns over Covid and recession, rupee has not breached the 83 level yet as a result of RBI intervention and FPI flows. Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have brought in net $5 billion in November and December. RBI has been intervening in the currency market and selling dollars to support the rupee. According to various estimates, RBI's total intervention in the currency market had touched $100 billion --$34 billion in spot and $65 billion in forwards market – by October itself.

Experts, therefore, believe rupee would remain range bound unless it breaches the 83.25 level – its previous lowest. "A clear breakout can be confirmed once prices trade above 83.25, the previous all-time high on spot. Till then we are betting on range-bound price action but with an upward drift," says a Kotak Securities note.

Smartphone shipments likely to fall 5% in 2022

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INDIA'S smartphone shipments are expected to fall by 5% year-on-year (YoY) in 2022, dipping for the second time in the last three years, according to Counterpoint Research's latest projections.

According to the research, the inflationary macro environment, component shortages and increase in their prices and wild cards such as the Russia-Ukraine war and weakness in the overall global economy affected the smartphone market globally, including in India.

"The Indian market has seen a steady rise in the last five years barring the COVID-hit 2020 to grow 1.5 times from 2016 to 2021. The market is projected to grow 10% in 2023 to reach 175 million units," reads the report.

However, the report pointed out that the smartphone market in 2023 expected to grow as feature phones migrate to smartphones. According to the research, India currently has more than 600 million smartphone users, a number that is expected to grow over time as more feature phone users migrate to smartphones. The replacement demand from these users will drive the market in 2023 and beyond.

Also, 5G has been high on Indian consumers' wish lists. With 5G networks now available, many consumers will replace their 4G smartphones in 2023. "We also expect the inflationary macro environment to get better next year. Therefore, consumers who postponed buying a new phone in 2022 will be able to buy a new one in 2023," says the report.

PPA clocks another significant milestone

Paradip Port achieved another milestone by handling highest ever cargo traffic of 6,49,730 tonnes in a single day on December 14, 2022. While congratulating team PPA on this stupendous performance, PL Haranadh,Chairman, PPA, has offered his heartfelt thanks to stakeholders for their constant support and immense contribution. This is to be noted that after dredging of northern dock, recently, Paradip Port had berthed MV Golden Barnet, a Cape vessel of 16.20 mtr draft carrying 1,46,554 tonnes of Coking Coal at KICT Berth.

Business & Beyond

Coal India conducts 1st IR Conclave in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: Shri Vinay Ranjan, Director (Personnel & Industrial Relations (IR)), Coal India Limited inaugurated Coal India's 1st IR Conclave-2022, on a theme "Creating Business Enabling IR Environment", here on Thursday.

Vedanta Aluminium unveils 'Accelerating to Net Zero'

New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium,unveils its Sustainable Development (SD) Report for FY 2021-22, titled 'Accelerating to Net Zero', on National Energy Conservation Day. The report encapsulates the company's performance across key dimensions of sustainability, such as economic performance, supply chain management, climate change & energy management, air quality & emissions control.

PFC bags SAFA Gold Award for best presented accounts /annual report

Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC), a Maharatna CPSE and the country's leading NBFC in the power sector, has won the prestigious "South Asian Federation of Accountants" (SAFA) Gold Award in the 'Best Presented Accounts / Annual Report Awards' (BPA) for the Financial Year 2020-21 in 'Public Sector Entities' category.

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18 December 2022, Kathmandu, Nepal

Chikka wins season-ending TATA Steel Tour C'ship

Bengaluru's Chikkarangappa S stole the show on the final day with a round of three-under 69 to triumph by two shots at the TATA Steel Tour Championship in Jamshedpur. This was his 15th title on the PGTI and overall 16th professional win. Gurugram's Manu Gandas took tied sixth place to emerge champion in the 2022 TATA Steel PGTI Rankings (Order of Merit).

All eyes on IOA and sportspersons as first EC meet set to takes place

NO matter who is in power, there will be challenges. The elections are over. The hype and hooplah associated with it too has faded in the folds of history. The excitement it generated when Olympian and multiple Asian Games medallist PT Usha was elected as the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), with a handful of Olympians and international athletes part of the Executive Committee, is giving way to more serious affairs. The newly-elected Executive Council is set to meet on December 26 and all eyes will be on them as IOA ushers in a new phase in its administration. While almost all members are expected to attend, considering some of the athletes are new to administration, it needs to be seen how the ship will be steered.

Challenges will not be less because there is a change in regime. Transparency and accountability are two pillars that needed to be polished and re-erected, especially after a torrid two-three years when two factions, one led by the former president and the other by its secretary general, had a bitter power struggle. The accounts of the IOA needs to be settled, and going by the records available on its website, 2018-2019 was the last financial year that was audited. There are more than 50 litigations pending in various courts and if sources are to be believed, the fees of lawyers have run into crores.

The appointment of Chief Executive Officer/secretary general too could be one of the points that could be discussed. According to the IOA constitution, the CEO/secretary general needs to be appointed within one month. "The IOA's Executive Council shall appoint a Secretary General/CEO within 1 (one) month from the time such a position is vacated or is lying vacant due to any reason," says the constitution. Like some points, whether the CEO should

be appointed within one month, we don't know. The elections of IOA were over on December 10. Though there are indications that the IOA is not in a hurry, the application process needs to start as soon as possible.

The IOA is a strange place that usually gets active every two years before sending athletes to the Commonwealth, Asian and Olympic Games. The National Games is another occasion when it gets active. The next Games are slated in Goa and needs to be seen how it will be organised next year. Whether IOA will have a bigger role than it had during the Gujarat Games this year. The meeting is expected to fix roles and responsibilities of the members. There is expected to be a spokesperson or two for the IOA.

During the interaction after the IOA elections, most of the queries were parried by All India Football Federation president Kalyan Chaubey, the joint secretary, and London Olympic bronze medallist Gagan Narang after the opening statement by president Usha.

The IOA had already announced that Gagan and Chaubey will be going to Paris as part of a delegation to conduct joint recce there for the 2024 Olympics. It is interesting because there is a Games Village where all athletes who qualify are accommodated along with an allocated quota of support staff. According to a statement of the IOA, the team, which will also have officials from the sports ministry, will work on identifying the requirements of athletes to prepare for the Paris Olympics. It needs to be seen if this will be in addition to the plans National Sports Federations submit during its Annual Calendar for Training and Competition or the ones Target Olympic Podium Schemes provide athletes or the Mission Olympic Cell is doing along with the sports ministry and Sports Authority of India.

Perhaps, it will be prudent to focus on initiating sports development projects that would help the grassroots through training and orientation programmes. It can do a lot on organising symposiums on anti-doping. The IOA has been generating funds but it needs to be seen if the current dispensation, with top sportspersons in the mix, will be able to overhaul and turn it into a more professional unit with sports development as its goal.

Rahul the batter under scanner

With nine scores less than 20 in his last 18 innings, the stand-in skipper's performance might have to be discussed even if India win

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AFTER India bundled out Bangladesh for 231 in the second innings on Day three of the second Test in Mirpur, the tourists' dressing room would have been a happy one. Especially, KL Rahul. With a target of 145 runs to secure a 2-0 win, it was the perfect opportunity for the stand-in skipper to score some runs and take the team home. But that is not how it panned out.

First ball of the third over. Shakib Al Hasan to Rahul. The Indian opener knows what to expect. After all, he had fallen prey to the other left-arm spinner, Taijul Islam, in the first innings. Shakib tossed it up, pitching it in the fuller length area around off-stump. Rahul took his front-foot forward, lunging with the bat. End result, the ball shaped away and took the outside edge of the open-faced bat. Keeper Nurul Hasan did the rest. Another failure for the captain. Over the next hour, India were reduced to 45/4, needing a 100 more runs to win.

Now, Rahul's scores in this series — 22, 23, 10 and 2 . In fact, since the pandemic broke, Rahul has gone past the 20-run mark only nine times in 18 innings. Granted, he has played all the nine Tests outside India. That said, since the first two Tests during the 2021 England tour, consistency hasn't been Rahul's friend. His overall numbers, too, need to be looked at. Rahul has the second-lowest average for an Indian Test opener (35.90 in 42 matches) since his debut. Which is why the Bangladesh tour was a platform for Rahul. It was his chance to pile on, especially having been named captain in Rohit Sharma's absence.

Which brings the focus to his original role, the vice-captain. Ahead of the series, Rahul himself said that he did not know the criteria to be named for the job. "Whoever is picked, you give them a pat on the back and continue. You have the responsibility of the team, it really does not change too many things in the team," he said. To be fair, Rahul is right. However, it assures the player a place in the first-XI. And often, Rahul has found himself to be in the right place at the right time for that. Let's roll back to July 2021. Shubman Gill had made a name for himself in Australia. He was primed to open the batting with Rohit Sharma. But an injury meant Rahul, who was a backup opener in Australia before spraining his wrist in Melbourne, walked in.

To his credit, he made an immediate impression in Nottingham, following it up with a Lord's hundred. So much so that when Rohit, the original deputy to Virat Kohli for the South Africa tour, got injured, Rahul was elevated to vice-captain. But before he knew, Rahul found himself captaining the side in Centurion. Since then, he has been Rohit's deputy across formats whenever both of them were in the squad. This, at a time, where there are not one, but several players pushing for a place in the XI. The last time the vice-captain was named with the scope of the ascendancy to captaincy was when Rohit replaced Ajinkya Rahane. Since then, Jasprit Bumrah, Rahul and Cheteshwar Pujara have had the job this year.

India might still go on to chase down the target in Mirpur on Sunday. They might still finish with a clean sweep. However, as they sit and pick the team for Australia, with Rohit returning to the side, they might want to look at two things. First, vice-captaincy as a job for someone to take over the team in future, and second, Rahul's place in the team purely as a Test batter.

SCORECARD

Bangladesh 1st innings 227. India 1st innings 314. **Bangladesh 2nd innings** (7-0 o/n): Najmul lbw Ashwin 5, Zakir c Siraj b Yadav 51, Mominul c Pant b Siraj 5, Shakib c Gill b Unadkat 13, Mushfiqur lbw Patel 9, Liton b Siraj 73, Mehidy lbw Patel 0, Nurul st Pant b Patel 31, Taskin 31 n.o, Taijul lbw Ashwin 1, Khaled Ahmed run out 4. **Extras** 8. **Total** (all out; 70.2 ovs) 231. **Bowling:** Umesh 9-1-32-1, Ashwin 22-2-66-2, Unadkat 9-3-17-1, Siraj 11-0-41-2, Axar 19.2-1-68-3. **FoW:** 1-13, 2-26, 3-51, 4-70, 5-102, 6-113, 7-159, 8-219, 9-220. India 2nd innings: Gill st Nurul b Mehidy 7, Rahul c Nurul b Shakib 2, Pujara st Nurul b Mehidy 6, Axar 26 n.o, Kohli c Mominul b Mehidy 1, Unadkat 3 n.o. **Extras** 0. **Total** (4 wickets; 23 ovs) 45. **FoW:** 1-3, 2-12, 3-29, 4-37. **Bowling:** Shakib 6-0-21-1, Taijul 8-4-8-0, Mehidy 8-3-12-3, Taskin 1-0-4-0.

Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan Miraz (R) celebrates Virat Kohli's wicket (not pictured) on Saturday | AFP

It's time to talk about Kohli

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

IN the first innings, Virat Kohli poked at one outside the off-stump channel and the keeper did the rest. In the second innings, he came forward, bat and pad close to each other. A classical offspinner's delivery on a wearing surface meant it gripped, turned and found Kohli's inside edge. Forward short leg completed a low catch. In a microcosm, these two dismissals have laid bare the batter's red-ball problems, against both pace and spin, since that 100 against Bangladesh in November 2019.

If the pacers found the outside edge or the glove for a catch in the cordon against New Zealand (3 out of 6 innings), South Africa (4/4), Australia (1/2) and England (7/9), the spinners have found a lot of joy off his inside edge or the gap between his inside edge and the pads. It has been a popular mode of dismissal for both England (2/6) and New Zealand (1/2) and now Bangladesh (1/3). Spinners have also successfully managed to catch him in front of the stumps several times since the beginning of 2021 (five times in Asia). It all points to a batter who's playing down the wrong line as well as having some trouble in assessing the ball without his pad getting in the way. Or he's not accounting for the spin. You will need both hands to recall dismissals that have followed this pattern in the last two years. Dom Bess at Chennai. Moeen Ali at Chennai. Ajaz Patel at Mumbai. Lasith Embuldeniya in Mohali. Taijul Islam a few days ago in Chattogram.

Saturday's knock — a 22-ball 1 off 20 minutes — is the latest in a series of knocks that put forth his struggle against spin. The numbers make for grim reading. In nine Tests and 15 innings in Asia since January 2021, he averages 22 against spin and it's an overall weakness against both left-to-right and right-to-left weakness. Out of the 14 times he has been dismissed in this time frame, spinners have taken his wicket 11 times while conceding under 2.75 runs an over. It suggests he's having problems not just hitting boundaries but also in strike rotation.

When the former captain was facing the left-arm spin of Islam on Saturday, Sanjay Manjrekar, who was on air at the time, quipped that Kohli's lifetime average against that particular bowling type was in the 60s. Yes, but those numbers are no longer relevant. In fact, Kohli's has picked up a recent issue against left-arm spin as well. In this time period and against this type of spin, he averages 22.83 (137 runs for six dismissals). Even if he has recovered some of his lost mojo in white-ball cricket, all of the above issues continue unabated in Tests. There used to be a time when he longed to dominate the bowlers, when he played the game on his terms. These days, he looks like a batter playing according to the tempo of the opposition bowlers (there have been a few gems thrown in like the one he played on the last day at Chennai in the first Test in 2021 but they have been few and far in between). Statistically speaking, he's no longer a big wicket, at least in Asia. Out of the 14 times he has been dismissed in the continent since 2021, he's more likely to be dismissed for 0 (3) or 1 (2) than cross 30 (4 times). So, it's not a surprise to note that he averages 23.85 across the nine Tests (for those wondering, it's 27.62 across all Tests since 2021).

Which of course brings the one obvious question. If the batter was somebody else, would the BCCI have asked him to go back to make some runs in domestic cricket? Heck, you can safely argue that Kohli the captain would have dropped Kohli the batter. India's next Test series begins in roughly 50 days time against Australia with plenty at stake.

Pat Cummins will look to Kohli's outside edge. Nathan Lyon will want to feast on Kohli's inside edge. For the 34-year-old Kohli, the task is more fundamental. Perform against Australia in India (330 at an average of 33) like the way he has performed against them in Australia (1352 at an average of 54.08). He has raged against the dying of light in another format. Will he repeat that same trick in the longest format now?

KEEPING THE FAITH

'We're still here, in the fight': Pele's daughter

AFP @ Sao Paulo

PELE'S daughter posted a photo of the Brazilian football legend from his hospital bed in Sao Paulo on Friday with the caption "one more night together."

In the photo, Kely Cristina Nascimento is seen hugging her 82-year-old father, with only one side of his face visible in the image. Pele is suffering from worsening cancer as well as kidney and heart problems.

"We're still here, in the fight and in the faith. One more night together," Nascimento wrote below the photo shared on Instagram around 11:00 pm local time (Saturday 0200 GMT).

On Wednesday, the Albert Einstein Hospital, where the three-time World Cup winner is staying, announced that his colon cancer was showing "progression" and he needed "more extensive care to treat kidney and heart failure."

Minutes earlier, Nascimento and Flavia Arantes, another one of Pele's daughters, had announced on Instagram that their father would spend Christmas at the hospital.

Last Sunday, Nascimento had posted a photo of Arantes

massaging their father's left foot as he watched the World Cup final on TV. After the match, Pele congratulated Argentine Lionel Messi for his "deserved" victory against France.

During this World Cup, Pele saw Neymar equal his international goal-scoring record for the Selecao (77).

Pele is considered by many to be the greatest footballer of all time and has received several messages of support since his hospitalization, including from the French star Kylian Mbappe, who called on followers to "pray for the King."

Pele was hospitalized in Sao Paulo on November 29 for what his medical team called a re-evaluation of his chemotherapy treatments, which he has been receiving since having surgery to remove a colon tumour in September 2021.

EXPRESS READ

AITA names team for Davis Cup tie vs Denmark

NEW DELHI: The All India Tennis Association on Saturday announced a five-member team for the Davis Cup World Group 1 play-off away tie against Denmark to be played at Royal Stage Stadium in Hillerod on February 3 and 4. Sasikumar Mukund, Prajnesh Gunneswaran, Ramkumar Ramanathan, Rohan Bopanna and Yuki Bhambri were picked for the tie while Sumit Nagal was named as the reserve. Rohit Rajpal will be the non-playing captain. The AITA said the players were selected on the basis of their availability and performance.

Tennis: Fans set to return at Tata Open

PUNE: Fans will return to the stadium for the Tata Open Maharashtra after one year when the prestigious tennis event is held at the Balewadi Stadium here from December 31 to January 7. Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the tournament was held behind closed doors last year but fans can now join the grand celebration of the fifth edition of the meet here. The tickets will be available on Zoonga.com from December 26.

Mumbai rally to overcome Chennaiyin

MUMBAI: Mumbai City FC registered their second comeback win over Chennaiyin FC this season in the Indian Super League (ISL) at the Mumbai Football Arena in Mumbai on Saturday. Petar Sliskovic scored for the home side in the 34th minute before Lallianzuala Chhangte equalised four minutes later. Greg Stewart scored in the 57th minute, to make it 2-1 as the Islanders returned to the top of the table.

Big-hitters Lovlina and Nikhat advance to semis

ENS/AGENCIES @ Bhopal

LOVLINA BORGOHAIN, Nikhat were two renowned names who showed their might to advance to semifinals of the ongoing women's national boxing championship here on Saturday.

Manju Rani, 2019 World Championships silver medallist, also put up a strong show to book a semifinal berth in the 48kg category. Taking part in 75kg quarterfinals, Lovlina displayed her superior technical ability to beat Meena Rani of Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB). The Assam pugilist, who won a bronze medal during the Tokyo Olympics, won by 5-0 verdict and will face Jigyasa Rajput of Madhya Pradesh next.

Nilkhat, meanwhile, dominated her fight against Taniksha Chawar of Goa from the word go. Jyoti (52kg) and Shashi Chopra (63kg), who are also representing RSPB, won their respective bouts. While Jyoti earned a hard fought 4-3 win against Minakshi Hooda of AIP, Shashi secured a 4-1 victory against Niharika Gonekla of Telangana. Meanwhile, Simranjit Kaur (60kg) also put up a strong performance to triumph over Barbi Gogoi of Assam.

GRAND RETURN

Djokovic hopes for warm welcome in Australian Open

AGENCIES @ Dubai

NOVAK Djokovic is hoping he will receive a warm welcome from the public when he returns to the Australian Open next month, now that the drama surrounding his vaccination status and deportation is officially behind him.

A nine-time champion at Melbourne Park, Djokovic was unable to compete in the opening Grand Slam of the season in 2022 after he was deported from Australia over fears he would incite anti-vax sentiment.

As a result of his deportation, Djokovic was banned from entering Australia again but that decision has been reversed and the World No 5 is pleased he will get the chance to vie for a 10th title in Melbourne and a men's record-equalling 22nd Major crown overall.

"I always ask the best from myself so let's see. Over the years I've been really fortunate to start very strong in Australia and I love playing there," Djokovic told reporters at the World Tennis League in Dubai on Friday. "After obviously what happened earlier this year, hopefully I can have a decent reception there and hopefully that can help me play some good tennis."

The 35-year-old Djokovic was unable to compete in two of the four majors this year as

Novak Djokovic was unable to compete in the event in 2022 after he was deported from Australia over fears he would incite anti-vax sentiment | AFP

his vaccination stance meant he was also forced to sit out the US Open. However, he finished his 2022 campaign with a bang, winning titles in Tel Aviv, Astana and the ATP Finals in Turin, as well as reaching the final of the Paris Masters.

He also picked up trophies in Rome and Wimbledon and tallied up a 42-7 win-loss record throughout the season.

The Serb had mentioned in the past he would like to play into his 40s. Asked if he still felt that way, Djokovic said: "I would like to play as long as I possibly can. I don't have really any number in my head. Things are progressing so far pretty well for me. I can't complain. So as long as I play at this level, as long as I have the fire, I'll keep going."

Meanwhile, World No 1 Iga Swiatek was happy to see herself land in the fifth spot on Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes. However, the 21-year-old Pole admits she hopes to expand her endorsement portfolio so her earnings aren't just dependent on her performances on court. According to Forbes, Swiatek has made $14.9 million over the past year, $9.9 million of which came from tournament prize money.

Meanwhile, Naomi Osaka and Serena Williams — who have spent significantly less time competing on tour in 2022 — are the top two athletes on the list, with the former reportedly earning $51.1 million and the latter making $41.3 million.

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No:EE/VJNL/UBP/D-01/K/Tender-10/KTF-Corri/2022-23/1098 **Dated:21-12-2022**

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION-2 (TWO SEPERATE E-TENDER)

(Only through E- PROCUREMENT SYSTEM)

Reference : 1) This Office Tender Notification No. 878 Dtd: 16-11-2022
2) This office Corrigendum Notification -1 No. 1020 Dtd: 06-12-2022

The Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No.01 Kadur as per KW-4, invited **TURNKEY BASIS** tender **(TWO SEPARATE E-TENDER)** through **e-procurement** vide ref on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, Bangalore for the **INDENT NO: VJNL/2022-23/LI/WORK_INDENT2383**. Now due to technical reasons the last date of submission of completed tender documents & date of opening of technical bid are postponed and refixed as mentioned below.

Sl.No.	First in eprocurement	Now to be read as
1	The last date for submission of completed tender documents through e-portal	04-01-2023 up to 16.00 PM
2	Date & time of opening of technical bid (cover-1) by Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No-01, Kadur	05-01-2023 @ 16.30 PM
3	Financial Bid will be opened after the approval of technical bid	

Sd/- Executive Engineer

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DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL)/Equitas Finance Limited (EFL)/Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) (NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	Branch : B.G.Road L.No: SEBGROD0245560 Borrower: Mr. RAJASHEKHAR Co – Borrower: Mrs. INDRA, Mrs. THIRUMANI DEVI S	25-11-2022 & Rs.969027/-	Item-1 All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.3, Assessment No.4/1, Situated at Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Now Assigned as site No.3, BBMP Khatha No.2386/1868/4/1-3, Lidkar Colony, Kadugondanahalli Bangalore Now comes within the limits of BBMP.North by: Site No.4 South by : Site No.2 East by : Site Nos. 7 and 8 West by : Road Measurement : East to West (42.5 + 45)/2ft and North to South 20ft, total extent 875 sqft.Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Kacharakanahalli and Registration District of Bangalore.
2	Branch : Makali L.No: SEMAKLI0225132 Borrower: Mrs. Bylamma Co – Borrower: Mr. Gurumurthy	25-11-2022 & Rs.391626/-	PROPERTY-1 Co-Applicant1: GURUMURTHY All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshumari No.429/2 Situated at Sondekoppa Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North TalukNorth by : House of Gangalakshmamma South by : House of Doddahanumanthaiah East by : Govindaiah's Palu West by : House of Jayaramaiah Measurement : East to West 40 ft, North to South 15ft, Totally measuring 600 sqft.Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Dasanapura and Registration District of Bangalore.

Date : 25.12.2022,
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer-
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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"APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

1. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **18.01.2023** for recovery of **Rs.57,97,412/-** (Rupees Fifty seven lakhs ninety seven thousand four hundred and twelve only) as on 15.12.2022 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor/s from **Sri. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sri. Jagdeo Singh And Smt. Manpreet Singh W/o Sri. Gurpreet Singh** (Borrower/s). The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price in Rs. (Below which properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount(Rs)
1	Rs.77,00,000/-	Rs.7,70,000/-	1,00,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

(Title deed holder: Sri. Gurpreet Singh & Smt. Manpreet Singh)
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: (Entire Property) : All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing **Survey Nos.118/2, 132 and 133**, now bearing **Seegehalli Gram Panchayat, Khatha No.791**, measuring an extent of **5 Acre 19.35 Guntas** equivalent to **2,38,872 Sq.ft.**, situated at **Seegehalli Village**, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and which is bounded on: East by: Road and remaining portion of Survey Nos.132, 133 and 134, West by: Property of Major Govinda Swamy in Survey No.118/3, North by: Property in Survey Nos. 131 and 118/5, South by: Portion of Survey No.134 and Cart Track.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : (Property hereby conveyed/sold)
I. An undivided right, title, interest and share in the land equal to **494 Square Feet** in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.
II. Residential Apartment **No. 401, V.P Katha No.791/G401, Property ID No.150200401700521483**, on **Fourth Floor**, in **G-Block**, in the Building named and known as **"MERA HOMES"**, constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, measuring **1645 Square Feet** of super built up area with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally, along with common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered Car Parking Area in the basement floor.
The building is constructed with brick and cement wall, RCC Roofing, vitrified/mosaic tiles flooring, jungle wood doors, steel windows, with electricity, water and sanitary facility.
The said apartment is provided with the amenities like Swimming Pool with Toddler Bay, Table Tennis, Club House, Basketball Hoop, Party Hall, Badminton Court, Well Equipped Gym, Sauna, Steam and Jacuzzi, Tennis Court, Squash Court, Landscaped Garden, Snooker Table, Reading Area.

2. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.01.2023** for recovery of **Rs.53,47,301/-** (Rupees Fifty three lakhs forty seven thousand three hundred and one only) as on 15.12.2022 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor/s from **Smt. R. Veena Ashwathnarayan W/o Sri. Ashwathnarayan** (Borrower/s).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price in Rs. (Below which properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount(Rs)
2	Rs.51,30,000/-	Rs.5,13,000/-	50,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

(Title deed holder: Smt. R. Veena Ashwathnarayan W/o Sri. Ashwathnarayan)
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of residential Site No.2, New Municipal No. 686/ 1132/ 686/ 2 formed in Survey No.182/4 of Kodgehalli Village, Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore ward No. 9, measuring 2480 sq feet and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Govt Land, North by: Site No.3, South by: Site No.1.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : An undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership of an extent of **370 sq. feet** in the Schedule-A Property referred to above.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: : All that piece and parcel of Residential unit bearing No. **A2** on the **First Floor**, of the multi-storied residential unit known as **"HIGH TECH BLOSSOM"** constructed in and upon the Schedule-A Property and measuring an extent of **995 Square Feet** of built up area and **205 Square feet** of proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases, and other areas of common use totally measuring **1200 Square feet** of Super built area with exclusive right to **one covered car parking** space in the building and the apartment bounded by: East by: Road, West by: Unit No. B2, North by: Site No. 3, South by: Site No. 1

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, RACPC Malleshwaram, Bengaluru- during office hours, Phone No. 080-25943732, 25943720 or** Mr. Anjan Kumar, Bangalore, Cell No.8660590654, Mr. Praveen Kumar, Cell No. 9606515099
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 16.12.2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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TENDER NOTICE

Kerala State IT Mission invites bids for the Supply, installation, commissioning of Servers at the State Data Centre.

Tender ID: 2022_KSITM_542556_1
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Detailed Notification and RFP documents may be downloaded from https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that, my client **SRI. SEETU KANJEETHRA CHACKO,** S/o Kanjeethra Abraham Chacko, residing at Flat No:604, Celeste Block, Salarpuria Cadenza, Kudlu Gate Junction, Bangalore – 560 068, has lost the original General Power of Attorney dated 02.12.2008 executed by AshwiniNadig, W/o ShyleshNadig, NO:901, Looking Glass Drive, Diamond Bar, CA-91765, USA, in favour of Sri. V. G. Bharadwaj, S/o Late Y. V. Gundu Rao, F4, Gurupriya, 7th Hill Apartments, 4th Cross, ITI Layout, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore – 85, and duly adjudicated on 17.01.2009 before the District Registrar and Deputy Commissioner of Stamps, Basavanagudi District, Bangalore. He has lodged a Complaint with the jurisdictional Police Station. If anybody found, be informed to the following address.

B. SUBRAYA KHARVI, Advocate
No: 231, 11th Main, 37th Cross,
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NOTICE FOR SALE OF VEHICLES BY E-AUCTION

Notice to public is hereby given to the effect that the vehicle described herein will be sold by **State Bank of India , RACPC-HSR ,** by holding E-Auction on the date and time mentioned in this notice is **"AS IS WHERE BASIS AND CONDITION"**.

Sl. No.	Names of the borrowers	Loan A/c. No.	Vehicle Model	Reg.No.	Reserve Price incl. of GST
1	Satish Totad	38278051876	MARUTI XCELERIO ZXI	KA-51-MM-8267	351000
2	Dominic Anthony Jeremiah	35610074038	FORD ECOSPORT 0.1 TITANIUM BSIV	KA-05-M-9831	450000
3	Top Chandar	38745298699	MARUTI EECO BSIV AC	KA-51-MN-5028	311000
4	Rajagopal Venu	3806771218	MAHINDRA MARAZZO 7STR BSIV	KA-02-MN-9931	800000

Date & Time of E-Auction: 27.12.2022, 3.00PM to 4.00PM (with unlimited Extensions of 5minutes each).
EMD: 10% of each vehicle's Reserve Price as mentioned above. (EMD is Refundable for unsuccessful bidder) For inspection of above vehicles contact below mentioned Agency: **For Sl No. 1: Marthyunjaya Recovery Agency - Ph. No. 9448520849**
For Sl No 2: M/s Eagle Associates: Ph. No. Mob:8904146917 For Sl No 3 & 4 : Lakshmi Recovery Agency - Ph. No. : 8618048183
Terms and conditions : 1. E-Auction is being held on "As is where Basis and condition" and the Bank is not responsible for condition of Poor internet Conectivity or any other fact affecting the vehicles. 2.The E Auction will take place through portal https://ibapi.in on **27.12.2022,** 3.For detailed procedure and terms and conditions of E-Auction, interested bidder may visit https://ibapi.in & download business rule document. 4. All the above vehicles are parked at respective agencies yard as mentioned above. 5. Willing bidders can inspect the vehicle(s) at the respective yard on 26.12.2022 mentioned above and give best quote (over and above the minimum base price), 6. The bidders have to increase the bidding amount by minimum Rs. 5,000/- above Reserve price. 7. Balance of bid amount by the successful bidder should be remitted within 7 days, i.e.**03.01.2023,** 4 PM failing which EMD amount stands forfeited. 8.Successful bidders cannot back-out for any reason. 9.Bank reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction without prior notice. 10. For further details you may contact Authorized Officer, Contact No.9972361099

Place : Bengaluru Date : 23.12.2022 **Sd/-** Authorised Officer

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The below mentioned Borrowers, Co-borrowers and Guarantors have availed Loan(s) Facility(ies) from IKF Home Finance Limited by mortgaging your Immovable Properties and defaulted in repayment of the same. Consequent to your defaults your Loans were classified as Non Performing Assets by **IKF Home Finance Limited** and hence all its rights, title, interest, benefits dues receivable from you as per document executed by you to avail the said Loan(s) along with the underlying security interest created in respect of the securities for repayment of the same. **IKF Home Finance Limited** has pursuant to the said Assignment and for the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (The Act). The contents of which are being published herewith as per Section 13(2) of the act read with Rules 3(1) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of Alternate Service upon you. Details of the Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Securities, Outstanding Dues, Demand Notice sent under Section 13(2) and Amount claimed there under are given as under:

Sl. No	Name and Address of the Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and Loan Amount	Details of the Secured Asset	NPA Date	Amount Due in Rs.
1	**Borrower's: (1) Sri. Madhu Gowda K.N S/o. Narasimha Murthy K.N, (2) Sri. Madhu Gowda K.N C/o. Shree Nama Business Venture, (3) Mrs. Jayashree K.N S/o. Narasimha Murthy K. N, (4) Mrs. Jayashree K.N C/o. Shree Nama Business Venture, Sl.No. 1 to 4 are R/o:** No: 10, 3rd Main Road, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Landmark: Muneshwara Temple Laggere, Bangalore 560058. **Also at:** Ground Floor, No: 27, Next to Basaveswara Bhavana, Chowdeswari Nagar, Laggere, Bengaluru-560058. **Loan Amount: HL Rs. 24,80,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only) **Loan Account: LNCHP02021-220003624**	All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Residential Flat 004 in Ground Floor, having 600 Sq. Feet built up area with 150 Sq. Feet UDS, along with One Car Parking at Stilt Floor and Rights to use Terrace area of the Third Floor, building known as "Sri Durga Residency" constructed on property bearing Site No's 1350 and 1351 , Katha No: 1350/1351/218, in converted Sy.No: 218 (Conversion Order vide No: ALN (SR) (PU) 3267/2013-14 dated 09.06.2014), situated at Renuka Yellamma Block, Hullahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, **Boundaries of site bearing No. 1350 & 1351 : East by:** Site No. 1349, **West by :** Site No. 1352, **North by:** Site Nos. 1335 & 1334, **South by:** Road **Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 2400 Sq. Feet, Boundaries of Flat No. 004: East By:** Open to Sky, **West By:** Passage, **North By:** Flat No: 003, **South By:** Open to Sky.	05th Dec. 2022 Demand Notice Date 16th Dec. 2022	**Rs.26,55,498/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight Only) due and payable as **15.12.2022**

The Borrower/s and Co-Borrowers/Guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned hereinabove in full within 60 Days of this Notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the act to enforce the above mentioned securities. Please note that as per Section 13 (13) of The Said Act. In the meanwhile, you are restrained from transferring the above referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent.

Date: 24.12.2022, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IKF HOME FINANCE LIMITED**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
ELECTRICAL (TRD) BRANCH, TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Disgtribution, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli-620001 invites online E-tenders from prospective tenderers/bidders for the following work.

1	Tender Number	TPJ-TRD-2022-2023-14
2	Name of work	TPJ Division - Relocation of PTFE Type Short Neutral sections available at VM/FP and TRB/SP to Facilitate Operation of 12/16 Car MEMUs
3	Approx. value of tender	₹ 74,17,448.36/-
4	Cost of tender booklet	Nil
5	Bid Security	₹ 1,48,400/-
6	Date & Time of Bidding	04.01.2023 to 15:00 Hours on 18.01.2023
7	Date & Time of Tender Opening	After 15:00 Hours on 18.01.2023
8	Period of completion	Nine Months
9	Period of validity of offer	81 days from the date of tender opening

Note: (1) The prospective tenderers/bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors/Contractors (E-Tender).
(2) Contractors/Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA-Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS.
(3) Payment of Bid Security in respect of e-tendering, should be done through net banking or payment gateway only (online payment) or in the form of BG as per GCC 2022. Tenders received without Bid Securtiy shall be rejected.
(4) Kindly log on to **http://www.ireps.gov.in** for complete details, terms and conditions of the above tender and details of bid submission and the on line bids are required to be digitally signed. The tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded.
(5) All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded on or before **04.01.2023,** in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.
(6) Tenderers need not be present in the office for tender opening as they can watch the status of opened tenders, on line through IREPS.

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Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **11-10-2022** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. Medinova Chemicals, No.160, Ist Main, A.R. Compound, A.R. Complex, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560018. No.2) Mr. Goutham Kumar Jain, S/o. Mr. Mithalal, No.15, 4th Cross, Azad Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018. No.3) Mrs. Sanjudevi, W/o. Mr. Goutham Kumar Jain, No.15, 4th Cross, Azad Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018. No.4) Mr. Suresh Chandra, S/o. Mr. Mittal Jain, No.15, 4th Cross, Azad Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.20,72,891/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety One Only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **06-10-2022** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 21st day of December 2022.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.21,43,138/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Forty Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Eight Only)** and interest thereon from **16-12-2022** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. Suresh Chandra, S/o. Mr. Mittal Jain)

All that piece and parcel of RCC Residential-cum-Commercial Building bearing Site No.45/A and New No.167, situated at Mysore Road, (Anantharamaiah Compound) Corporation Ward No.45, measuring East to West on the Northern Side - 35 ft., and the Southern Side - 30 ft., and North to South 25 ft., and together with all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:- East by - Property No.46, West by - Road, North by - Road, South by - Property No.45/B (Land extent as per valuation report 812.50 Sq.ft.).

Place: Bangalore, Date: 21-12-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Thanuja B R/ Veman M Pandith/ LBMYS00004957078	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Municipal Door No. C-8, Municipal Katha No.1985, Situated At Ward No. 31, New Layout (I. D. S. M. T. layout), Mangalavarapete, A Division, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District. Measuring East To West: 7.5 Meter, North To South: 9 Meter Empty Site In That 750 Sq. Ft. Rcc House Built With Bricks, Ghare, Jungle Wood, And Cement Flooring, North: Site No. B-52 South: Road East: Site No. C-7 West: Site No. C-9/ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/ 20/12/2022	15.10.2021 Rs. 15,02,752.00/-	Mysore
2.	Shivakumar Rs/ Prabhavthi P/ LBMYS00004866201	(As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site With House Municipal Khatha No. 5404, Municipal Door No. 257, Situated At Shettihalli Village, Church Road, Ward No. 08, Municipal A Division, Channapatna Town, Property Measuring East To West: 17 ½ Feet And North To South 48-00 Feet Site And A Mangalore Tiles Tiled House Measuring East To West: 17 ½ Feet, And North To South 29-00 Feet, North: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site With House Municipal Khatha No. 5404, Municipal Door No. 257, Situated At Shettihalli Village, Church Road, Ward No. 08, Municipal A Division, Channapatna Town, Property Measuring East To West: 17 ½ Feet And North To South 48-00 Feet Site And A Mangalore Tiles Tiled House Measuring East To West: 17 ½ Feet, And North To South 29-00 Feet, South: Empty Site And House Belongs To Sharadamma East:house Belongs To Police Arasayya West: Property Belongs To Kuri Challayya/ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/ 20/12/2022	26.10.2021 Rs. 13,67,369.00/-	Mysore
3.	Manish Bharti/ Sonika Saloni/ LBMYS00004908798	Schedule 'a' Properties Item No 1 All That Piece And Parcel Of Site Bearing No. 21, 22 And Northern Portion Of Site No. 23, Formed In Converted Sy. No 29/1 Vide Conversion Order Bearing No. Bds/aln/sr: 4/ 2004-05, Dated : 17-04-2004 Bearing Katha No. 188/21, 188/22 And 188/23, Situated At Avaragere Village Comes Within The Perview Of Ward No. 06, Bidadi Town Municipality, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & District, Jointly Measuring East To West: 82 Feet And North To South: 117.1/2 Feet, In All Measuring 9635 Sq. Ft And Bounded On: East By: 30 Feet Road. West By: Private Properties. North By : L. Ramesh Raju Properties. South By: Same Sy. No 29/1. Item No 2 All That Piece And Parcel Of Site Bearing Northern Portion Of Site No. 23, Formed In Converted Sy. No 29/1 Vide Conversion Order Bearing No. Bds/aln/sr: 4/ 2004-05, Dated: 17-04-2004 Bearing Katha No. 187/23, Situated At Avaragere Village Comes Within The Perview Of Ward No. 06, Bidadi Town Municipality, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & District, Measuring East To West: 82 Feet And North To South: 21.1/2 Feet, In All Measuring 1763 Sq. Ft And Bounded On : East By : 30 Feet Road West By: Private Properties. North By: Private Properties. South By : Tharachandra's Properties. Item No. 1 And Item No 2 Of Schedule 'a' Properties Jointly Measuring East To West : 82 Feet And Nortn To South: 139 Feet, Totally 11,398 Sq. Ft. Schedule "b" Properties Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Schedule- A Properties Mentioned Above Which Would Work Out To 415 Square Feet Approximately Of The Svhedule A Properties In The Subject Matter Of This Sale Deed. Schedule 'c' Properties Apartment No. 407, Khata No. 28/407 On Third Floor, Measuring Super Built Area Of 1340 Square Feet In The Building Eternity Fortune, Being Constructed On The Schedule 'A' Properties With The Floors, Ceiling And Walls Between Units Jointly Belonging To Such Apartment Owners Equally, Including Common Area With One Covered Car Parking Slot Bearing No. 407 The Construction Is Of Vitrified Flooring, Aluminium Windows And Sai Wood Frames And Doors, Separate Electricity, Common Water, Including Common Area Right And Bounded On: East By: Road. West By: Passage & Flat No. 406. North By: Swimming Pool. South By: Road./ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/20/12/2022	07.07.2022 Rs. 17,76,222.00/-	Mysore
4.	Gunashekar S R/ Ramesh S/ LBBNG00004835326	Schedule Property All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Residential Site No.15. Property No.91/5, Situated At: Horamavu Village. Kr. Pura Hobli Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore. Presently Comes Under The Administrative Jurisdiction Of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Measuring East To West 26 Feet And North To South 45+46/2 Feet Totally 1183 Sqft And Bounded On The: East By: Site No.14 West By: Site No.16. North By: Private Property, South By: Road,/ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/ 20/12/2022	24.08.2022 Rs. 29,90,243.00/-	Bangalore
5.	Sudarshan R/ Nagalakshmi Sudarshan// LBBNG00003161637/ LBBNG00003161682/ LBBNG00003696084	(As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site No. 58 Situated In I. T. I. Notified Area Katha No. 216/1/25 Basavanapura Village K. R. Puram Hobli Bangalore South Taluk [old] Near Garden City Club Kodigehalli Main Road K. R. Puram Bangalore 560036 [new] The Site Measuring East To West 40 Feet, And North To South 30 Feet And A Building Constructed There On And Bounded As Follows: North: Remaining Portion Of The Same Site South: Site No. 67 East:site No, 59 West: Road/ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/ 20/12/2022	03.12.2021 Rs. 59,17,948.00/-	Bangalore
6.	Raghuram C N/ Lalitha G/ LBMYS00004976572	731, Mig 2 4th Stage Sharada Devi Nagar Layou, Mysore, Na, Mysore 570023/ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/20/12/2022	03.07.2021 Rs. 12,77,990.00/-	Mysore
7.	Dileep M R/ Leela/ LBMYS00005151541	(As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Site No. 132, Situated At D Block, New Layout Which Is Created By 'ananda House Construction Co-operative Society ®, Bogadi, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysore City, Mysore. Measuring East To West: 30 Ft, North To South: 40 Ft, On 05.09.2017 The Site Has Divided By Mysore City Development Authority As Site No. 132/1 Measuring 9.14*6.095 Meters, And Site No. 132/2 Measuring 9.14*6.095 Meters, And Registered Site 132/2(one Hundred Thirty-two Bar Two) Bounded On The:- (Admeasuring An Area Of North: Site No. 132/1 South: Road East: Site No.133 West: Road/ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/ 20/12/2022	31.05.2021 Rs. 8,88,383.00/-	Mysore
8.	Rajanna S/ Suresh S/ N Manjula/ LBMYS00001340142	Schedule Of Property Description Of Property Schedule: All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing 1st Phase Plot No.398 (Three Hundred And Ninety Eight) Khille Mohalla Industrial Sabarche In Mysore City. East By :site No.399 West By: Site No.397 South By :site No.415 North By :road Currently Extension Measuring East To West 55.00 (Fifty Five) Feet's South To North (48+43)/2 Feet's Total Measuring 2502.5 Feets The Dimensions And Boundaries Of The Site Have Been Verified And Correct./ Date Of Symbolic Possession On/20/12/2022	24.08.2022 Rs. 11,62,131.00/-	Mysore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : December 23, 2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that **Krishna Srinivasan Iyer, S/o Venkatraman Srinivasan** is the absolute owner of Flat bearing No.179, bearing Municipal No.9020/178-179, BBMP property Khatha No.57-39-9020/178-179, situated in Block No.18, 2nd floor ,Segment Jeevan Mitra, Type B, Category 1,24th Main,10th Cross, Sector II,1st Phase JP Nagar, Bangalore 560 078 measuring 91.86 square meters(988.5 square feet) of built up area and 0.773 square meters of undivided share in land for every square meters of built up area measuring 765 square feet. He has lost/misplaced original Possession Certificate and Original allotment letter issued in favour of Meera Sridhar by Life Insurance Corporation of India, Policy Holders Housing Cell in respect of the above mentioned property. In this regard a police complaint is also lodged dated 09/08/2022 vide serial No:289027 Lost Report No. 0289027/2022.If any person/s finds the said lost documents ,he/she may contact the undersigned along with the said documents.

KRISHNA SRINIVASAN IYER
Flat No.179, Block No.18, 2nd floor,
Jeevan Mitra Colony, LIC Apartments, 24th Main,
10th Cross,JP Nagar 1st phase, Bengaluru -560078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Ms. Anupa Rongala, aged about 39 years, Mr. Arvind Rongala, aged about 37 years and Ms. Apurup